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Levy pushes for 'code of conduct' in talks

By JAY BUSHINSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER
NEW YORK — Foreign Minister David Levy hopes to win US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's support, at their meeting here Monday, for "a code of conduct" which would guide Palestinian and Israeli leaders in the forthcoming phases of the peace process.

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This formula, which would be presented immediately afterward at the three-sided talks with the Palestinian Authority's deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas, is designed to foster a political and security environment conducive to regional peacemaking. Levy said its purpose would be to oild down the PA's "commitment to act against the existing terrorist infrastructure" in its domain.

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The parents of Yusef Shouli, one of the four Jerusalem suicide bombers identified by forensic tests, stand outside their home in Azira Shamalya yesterday, denying their missing son is dead. (AP/Khaled Zigari)

Army IDs terror ringleader

Security beefed up for fear of more attacks

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH
Security was reinforced around the country and forces were kept at a high state of alert yesterday, after the General Security Service warned that further terror attacks are planned. Meanwhile, intensive search operations were still underway in the West Bank to try to crack the infrastructure of extremist groups and planners of terrorist attacks. Security officials identified Hamas activist Mahmoud Abu Hanude, 34, as the recruiter and ringleader of the suicide bombers who attacked Mahaneh Yehuda on September 4, killing 20 Israelis. He may also have been the fifth suicide bomber, security officials said. Abu Hanude, from Azira Shamalya, the village the bombers were from, wasn't home when soldiers raided his home in a sweep earlier this week. Family members claimed they didn't know his whereabouts. Abu Hanude was among 400 extremists deported to Lebanon in a 1992 crackdown after the kidnap and murder of border policeman Nissim Toledano. The extremists were allowed to return a year later, after a world outcry against the expulsions. Abu Hanude's relatives denied that he had recruited the bombers. "When he was in exile, he got to know a lot of people and leaders, but that does not mean he set these guys up to be suicide bombers," Abu Hanude's brother, Amjad, said yesterday. However, other village residents claimed Abu Hanude had recruited the bombers, who were identified Tuesday after forensic tests as Mouaya Jarara, Bashar Zoualha, Tawfik Yassin, and Yusef Shouli. Villagers said the four grew up as close friends and were affiliated in their youth with a PLO dissident group. Security officials stressed that the risk of further terrorist attacks remained as loog as the Hamas infrastructure remains intact. Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said that the importance of identifying the suicide bombers was not in learning their names, but in the lead the identities provide to uncovering other potential bombers. "We have to wait for the development of the investigation, and if it yields the results we hope for, the infrastructure will be eliminated," Hefetz said. Israel gave the Palestinian Authority an updated list of fugitives at a meeting of security officials Tuesday night, and demanded their immediate arrest. Palestinian sources said that Hamas policemen had arrested 20 Hamas activists in the Nablus area. But none of them appeared on the Israeli list, the sources said. Among those arrested were Issa Abul Eez, owner of a Hamas-affiliated television station in Nablus; Yusef Sourjaki, Salah Derwazi, and Hamzi Jaber. These four were also among the 400 deported to Lebanon. Security officials believe the suicide bombers had direct links with the Hamas terrorist cell uncovered in east Jerusalem last week, and with the Tsurif cell blamed for the bombing of the Apropro cafe that killed three women in Tel Aviv in March. The explosives used in the suicide attacks led directly to the Hamas bomb factory in Beit Sahur uncovered by Palestinian police acting on information provided by Israel.

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225,000 workers ready to strike

Peretz: Government wants army to fight strike Treasury: No compromise, but we're ready to talk

The Histadrut will stage a general strike on Sunday, in response to a series of attacks and insults from the government, its chairman, Amir Peretz, announced yesterday. "We're talking about stopping almost everything that moves in Israel," Peretz said. The Treasury and government legal advisers are considering declaring an emergency situation and calling on the army to replace some of 225,000 strikers, claimed Peretz, a suggestion strongly rejected by Treasury officials. Among the areas that will be affected are airports, ports, railways, buses, hospitals, schools, local authorities, banks, and health funds. Supermarkets may also be closed. It is possible that the Histadrut will allow the private sector to join Sunday's action. "There will be no end to the strike until the chairman of the Histadrut declares one," said strike organizer Shlomo Shani. "If there is no resolution to the problems before the High Holy Days, then the strike will continue afterward too."

The Histadrut agreed to postpone the strike from today to Sunday, to give Finance Minister Ya'akov Neeman an opportunity to negotiate on his return from Hong Kong. "We are prepared to sit as soon as the finance minister arrives and conduct intensive negotiations," said Peretz. "We're prepared to do anything so that Sunday morning's strike can be prevented."

Today, there are no services open to the public in government offices



Peretz (Isaac Harari)



Milgrom (Ariel Jerzolimski)

By DAVID HARRIS
or in local authorities. Peretz and Shani said that while many people do not understand why there is a strike, they support workers' rights. Turning to the reasons for the strike, Peretz accused the Treasury of being "unprofessional" and conducting "a policy of lies." However, he added it is now becoming brazen-faced in its relationship with the Histadrut. "The Treasury at long last openly says it won't uphold agreements," he said. The last people the Treasury expected to object to the planned structural reforms in the economy were Histadrut officials, state budget director David Milgrom claimed yesterday. Speaking to journalists an hour before Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, Milgrom said the government's program is not bocus pocus, but contains real reforms that will lead to cheaper products and create thousands of jobs.

The Battleground

The Histadrut has called the strike because of three major objections to government policy:
1) Growth The government has approved a string of measures aimed at increasing competition in the economy, which in turn it claims will lead to lower prices. This, the Histadrut argues, will lead to job losses and affect workers' rights. The Treasury is prepared to clarify the position to the Histadrut, but refuses to compromise. The Histadrut is demanding a freeze in the plans until agreement is reached.
2) Privatization The government intends to continue the process of selling its assets. This year receipts will total \$ to 9 billion shekels with next year's target set at NIS 4b. The Histadrut is extremely concerned about redundancies and breaches of workers' rights. The Treasury says the "process will continue with full dialogue with workers. The Histadrut disagrees.
3) Pensions The government proposes altering existing rules to make pension funds invest in non-state bonds for members whose income is above NIS 5,500. The Treasury believes this will result in higher returns and solve the problems currently faced by mortgage banks. The Histadrut is angry the government is changing the March 1995 agreement and putting pension funds at risk. The Treasury maintains there will be careful supervision of the investments. David Harris



by Milgrom to counter Histadrut objections to the government's privatization plans and proposed reforms of pension funds. "We're trying to persuade the Histadrut that this is all of benefit, especially to the workers," he said. "We cannot say we are going to cancel our programs, but we call on them to meet us, so we can explain and ease their worries. The strike is unnecessary and unjust."

While the arguments over structural reforms and privatization are well known, Milgrom took time to explain the source for the difference of opinion over pension funds. The government is proposing that the 30 percent of pension fund members whose salary is greater than NIS 5,500 will find their fund payments being placed in solid investments, such as mortgage banks, rather than government bonds, as now.

This, according to Milgrom, will provide an escape route from the present crisis to the mortgage banks and will ensure mortgages for young couples and new immigrants. There will be no changes for those already in pension plans. "I hope the chairman of the Histadrut understands the responsibility that rests on his shoulders," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Moshe Leon said yesterday, urging the Histadrut to think again before striking. "I don't think the public understands why there is a strike."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu has asked Neeman to begin dialogue with the Histadrut as soon as he returns.



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in brief

Closure eased further

An additional 4,000 Palestinian workers, 2,000 from Gaza and 2,000 from Judea and Samaria, will be allowed across the Green Line this morning, bringing the total allowed in to 21,000, the IDF Spokesman announced yesterday. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

PM promises to bolster settlements

Attending ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the renewal of Jewish settlements in Gush Etzion last night, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu assured settlers that his government will continue to bolster their settlements. Netanyahu, who also met with high school students in Efrat yesterday, said: "We are building in Judea and Samaria, and we are building in Efrat," he said, noting the Housing Ministry plans to build an additional 300 housing units in Efrat. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Suha Arafat stopped at IDF roadblock

Suha Arafat claimed she was humiliated by IDF troops at a roadblock outside Hebron yesterday. She said the troops detained her for half an hour simply because she was Palestinian. She was returning home to Gaza after accompanying her husband, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, to Bethlehem where he met with the Czech President Vaclav Havel and his wife.

The IDF Spokesman said last night that the soldiers had stopped Arafat's car as part of a routine inspection. Although she did not have any identification papers, the soldiers recognized her and let her pass through. The spokesman added that the whole incident took 10 minutes. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Schwartz says he's sorry for faking 'kidnapping'

Ya'acov Schwartz, the 63-year-old Bnei Brak man who confessed to staging his own kidnapping on September 10, causing concern that he had been abducted by terrorists, yesterday re-enacted his movements for police investigators and the media.

He explained how he drove to the Erez junction, abandoned his car and travelled to Ashkelon, where he found an empty house, set alight the growth around it and bound himself. This alerted neighbors, who called the fire brigade.

Asked if he regretted what he did, Schwartz said: "I'm sorry. My actions did not unite the nation." *Itim*

Motorcyclist killed in collision

A 24-year-old soldier from Givatayim was killed yesterday when his motorcycle was hit by a truck making a left turn on the Ramle-Beit Dagan road.

Another soldier was injured in a collision between an IDF jeep and a Palestinian truck near Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip. *Itim*

Fallen Golani soldiers remembered

"We shall continue to cherish their memory, and fight in their honor for peace, while safeguarding the borders and maintaining our readiness to defend them," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday at the annual memorial for fallen Golani soldiers.

The ceremony held at the brigade monument near the Golani Junction honored the 1,281 Golani troops who have fallen in battle since the founding of Israel. Eighteen of the troops died only in the last year.

A memorial torch was lit by Tova Schusterman, the mother of St.-Sgt. Nimrod Schusterman, who was killed in the 1982 Lebanon War. Kaddish was recited by Asher Ohana, the father of Capt. Yosef Ohana, who died in Lebanon in 1995. *Itim*

Israel, Czech Republic issue joint stamps

Two stamps depicting Jewish sites in Prague have been issued jointly by Israel and the Czech Republic. Czech President Vaclav Havel yesterday attended the launching ceremony at Beit Hanassi along with President Ezer Weizman and Postal Authority officials. The stamps show the Almuehsul, built in 1270, and the grave of the Maharal from Prague, the Jewish sage who died in 1609. *Judy Siegel*

Fake honey being sold for Rosh Hashana

Beware of fake honey, the Health Ministry warned yesterday, a week before Rosh Hashana. The ministry said it has confiscated large amounts of "honey" that is just a mixture of sugar, water and additives. *Judy Siegel*

LEVY

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Interviewed at the Israeli mission's working headquarters at the UN, Levy criticized the PA's conduct with regard to the four Palestinians identified as suicide bombers who detonated explosive devices in Mahaneh Yehuda and on Rebov Ben-Yehuda.

"Their discovery verifies our basic contention that the PA does not do anything to stop terrorism," Levy said. "They never informed us of what they were doing" to recapture them after they escaped from a PA prison. In Washington, cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said he is "optimistic" that Israeli-Palestinian negotiations can be restarted following next week's trilateral meeting in New York.

Naveh's statement came after a one-hour meeting he and prime ministerial adviser Uzi Arad held with Dennis Ross, the State Department's Middle East coordinator. The meeting was the second in two days.

Arad also met yesterday with Bruce Riedel, the National

Security Council's Near East affairs director, and with officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Abbas and PA negotiator Saeb Erekat are to meet with Ross in Washington today. Ross is due to travel to New York to brief Levy on the talks tomorrow, an Israeli official said, adding that Ross's meetings are aimed at setting the stage for Monday's trilateral talks.

On another issue, Levy, who has been meeting his counterparts from various countries at the UN General Assembly, again called yesterday for a halt in the transfer of Russian missile technology to Iran.

"It will be too late to act once the Iranians have an arsenal of long-range missiles," Levy said, noting that he intends to discuss the issue with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov today.

Levy cited China's decision to cancel its projected sale of a "nuclear reactor for peaceful purposes" to Iran as an example of how "existential" threats to Israel can be thwarted by effective diplomacy.

Full interview with Levy in tomorrow's *Jerusalem Post*

Indyk in farewell address:

Oslo dream turning into nightmare

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

In his final address here, US Ambassador, Martin Indyk said Wednesday that the Oslo peace process which began four years ago "some days seems to be turning into a nightmare."

He told the Council for Peace and Security, composed largely of former generals, that "I think it is clear to all of us that something is fundamentally wrong here."

Indyk said the peace process had deeply disappointed both sides, and he pointed to terror attacks by Islamic militants against Israelis and unilateral actions by the Israeli government as the reasons why.

Indyk said blame for the current crisis was not the issue, but rather "how to get out of this mess." He called on both sides to abandon a "zero-sum game mentality" in which one side's loss is the other's gain. He called for an end to the "war of words" and point-scoring that Israelis and Palestinians have engaged in.

Indyk also reiterated US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's urging of Yasser Arafat to make "100 percent effort" in fighting terror, and pledged continuing American support for the process.

Alluding to hopes for a peace deal between Israel and Syria, Indyk said "that too has gone by the wayside."

Indyk, 45, was born in Loodoo and brought up in Australia, but settled in the US when he was 30. He spent more than a year in Israel, which included the Yom Kippur War. At that time he developed a passion for Middle East peace-making. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy which he founded was considered the first pro-Israel think tank. He was the first Jew appointed US ambassador here and is now to become assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs. Former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, who heads the generals' forum, called Indyk "the best American ambassador we've ever had."



Outgoing US Ambassador Martin Indyk bids farewell to Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau in one of a round of meetings with Israeli notables before he returns to Washington. (Orvan Handler)

for Indyk's humanity and caring. Former Norwegian diplomat Terje Larsen, a handmaid of the Oslo agreement, praised Indyk's "passion for peace."

Indyk also met Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau to bring him New Year greetings and bid farewell before his departure this weekend. He said that despite the crisis of confidence between Israel and the Palestinians he did not think the peace process could die, because the desire of both nations to lead normal and secure lives would keep it alive. "But what we need now, as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said, is for both leaders to make difficult decisions to advance the process," he noted.

Rabbi Lau said peace is not made between leaders but

between nations, and cannot be conducted on a one-way basis. As long as there is no change in the religious and educational approach on the other side, he said he does not see the light at

the end of the tunnel. Lau commended Indyk for being a true friend to Israel and said the ambassador's term here was a blessing.

He expressed concern over the events of the recent weeks, noting that they prove we are heading further away from peace.

Later in the day Indyk met Shas's spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who was worried that Indyk's successor, who had served as US ambassador in Egypt, might not be good for Israel. Israel Radio reported that Yosef said Ambassador Walker must have found it necessary to flatter the Egyptians and may have gotten used to their flattery. Indyk replied that his successor's experience with the Arabs would be useful in the negotiations with them.

Edward Walker named as US ambassador to Israel

President Bill Clinton announced yesterday he is nominating Edward S. Walker as the next ambassador to Israel.

Walker, US ambassador to Egypt since 1994, will replace Martin Indyk. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was due to vote yesterday on Indyk's nomination as assistant secretary of state for Near East

affairs, but the vote was postponed until next week.

Walker has served previously in Israel, Syria, and Tunisia, and was deputy chief of mission in Saudi Arabia. From 1989 to 1992, he was ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, before becoming the second-ranking delegate at the US mission to the UN. *Hillel Kuster*



Czech President Vaclav Havel (second from right) stands between his wife Dagmar and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat as they visit the Church of the Nativity yesterday. (Reuters)

Havel discusses peace, economics with Arafat

Czech President Vaclav Havel met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday and expressed his desire for peace and improved economic relations between the PA and the Czech Republic.

"Our interest is for a just peace to be achieved in this area," Havel told journalists at a joint press conference in Bethlehem. "A peace that will be lasting."

Arafat told Havel that the PA is "in need of your help."

The Czech Republic has contributed \$3 million for the development of projects in the Palestinian areas, Havel said. "We have a large delegation of Czech businessmen here," he said. "And we have good reason to

hope the economic relations between the Palestinian areas and our country will develop."

Arafat met Havel at his Bethlehem headquarters. The two listened to the Palestinian and Czech national anthems from a wooden stage before entering the building for a 20-minute meeting.

Arafat and Havel then toured the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus. As they entered the building, Arafat put his hand on Havel's shoulder to guide him under the church's low door.

A Greek Orthodox priest, garbed in a black robe and head covering, led the two leaders, surrounded by security personnel and journalists, through the church.

"I want to thank the Palestinian leadership for letting us visit the land that, to us, is exceptional and special - the land where Jesus Christ was born," Havel said. (AP)

Families deny their sons were bombers

Anneh Shouli held up her son Yusef's high school certificate as if to prove to herself that the talk about him was lies.

"He hasn't done anything against Israel. I am sure of that," Annah said. "He is a smart student. Look at his certificate," she said.

The General Security Service identified Yusef Shouli, 22, and three other men in their 20s from Azira Shamalya, a village of 8,500 residents near Nablus as Hamas suicide bombers.

Tuesday's announcement identifying the bombers said it was based on intelligence data and DNA tests of blood taken from the men's relatives.

But Annah, speaking to reporters who crowded into her modest home, said she was convinced her son was still alive.

"A mother's sense is stronger and better than Netanyahu's," she said.

The village, although still under curfew was calm yesterday, with residents out on the streets though many stores were closed. There was no sign of any mourning for the four men.

They had all been arrested by the Palestinian Authority in a crack-

down on Hamas in March 1996 following a wave of suicide attacks, but escaped from a Palestinian prison in Nablus a year ago.

Mohamed Jarara said the last time he saw his 23-year-old son Moawiya had been last October, shortly after his escape.

"In fact I was angry with him...because he had escaped," Jarara, 76, said. "I am the one who gave up my son to them [the Palestinian Police]... So when I met him in the olive-picking season I shouted at him. I asked him 'Why did you escape?'"

"My son left me and he was angry and that was the last time I saw him," he said of Moawiya, a former agricultural student.

Tawfiq Yassin, 25, was the eldest of the four bombers identified by the GSS and one of 13 children.

One of his sisters said security forces had returned to the family's home at 3 a.m. on Wednesday to search the house and garden for a fourth time.

"They asked my mother 'Is Tawfiq dead?'" the sister said. "I smell here that they are playing with our nerves." (Reuters)

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The GSS believes that explosives found missing from the bomb factory at the time have already made their way into the hands of Hamas terrorists planning to carry out more attacks.

According to Channel 1, all the suicide bombers reached east Jerusalem a day before the attacks, where they were given the explosives and received final instructions.

Immediately after the attacks, Hamas activists notified their families by sending them regards from their sons. This was done to avoid families setting up mourning tents and to try to keep the bombers' identities secret.

Security officials believe that Abu Hanuda was with the other four in the Palestinian prison in Nablus. The bombers escaped in December and sought shelter in areas under Palestinian control in Nablus.

At a news conference in Bethlehem yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat told reporters he was making a 100 percent effort to crack down on terrorists. He stressed that the suicide bombers had come from a village in an area under Israeli security control.

A West Bank and Gaza Strip survey carried out by the Center for Palestinian Research and Studies showed a rise in those who supported suicide attacks.

The findings showed that 36% support these attacks, compared with February's 21%.

Peres warns at Knesset meeting: PM using GSS for public relations

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is using the General Security Service for his own public relations, but the result will be the division of Jerusalem and the setting up of a binational state, Labor MK Shimon Peres warned yesterday.

"There is hardly one case that the GSS did not crack in the past - but it was always done modestly. This time, there was a lot of fanfare," Peres said in response to the publication of the GSS's identification of the suicide bombers.

He was making the opening remarks at a special session of the Knesset, called at the request of Labor, to discuss the

government's policy in Jerusalem. The government table during the session was empty, as opposition MKs argued boisterously with a few Likud backbenchers.

"The GSS has to be praised all year round," Peres said. "The nation has to be unified around the issue of Jerusalem in an intelligent way. The people need answers to their questions... We have to leave a legacy for the next generation to live with hope."

"Today Jerusalem is a city brimming with inner tensions," he added, "even though we had succeeded in calming it down before."

Peres charged that the National Religious Party has become the representative of the extreme

right-wing, which would end up creating a binational state. "To have a Jewish state, we need a non-Jewish neighbor. Can we go on forever degrading the Palestinians?" he asked. "There is no free peace."

Hagai Meron (Labor) took the attack one step further, saying that "there is no limit to Binyamin Netanyahu's cynicism, and if the GSS serves his PR purposes, he will use it. Netanyahu's publication of the affair before it was completed put the GSS at risk."

As vociferous dissent broke out between coalition and opposition, Speaker Dan Tichon had Abdul Wahab Darawshe, Taleh a-Sanaa, and Abdul Malik Dahamshe (all Democratic Arab

Party) removed from the plenum, one after the other.

"Show some respect. You know how to behave when you were in Damascus," Uzi Landau (Likud) shouted at them.

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who responded on behalf of the government, said that the GSS had worked under "almost impossible conditions because we no longer have forces or intelligence in Area A" which is completely under Palestinian control.

Coming to Netanyahu's defense, Shalom said: "The timing and the wording of the statement on the GSS's action were fixed by the GSS itself." Besides, he noted, the residents of the villages where the arrests had been

made had informed the foreign press.

As for Jerusalem, it only became an issue after the Oslo Accords were signed, he said. Before that, several Jewish neighborhoods "such as Ramot Eshkol and Ramot" had been built without a fuss.

Israel will continue to build in Jerusalem, he said. "[Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat knows that Jerusalem will never be redivided. There is Jewish consensus over that and, besides, the Arab states would not accept him [as sovereign over] the Moslem holy places. And the Christian world also has a say as to what happens in Jerusalem."

Father of 'copter crash victim to fight for memorial

By DAVID FUDGE

The father of a Druse soldier killed in the IAF helicopter tragedy on Feb. 4 yesterday vowed to "fight to the death" to preserve two monuments in memory of his son and the other 72 victims.

The two memorials have been erected in the heart of the Mt. Meron nature preserve alongside a route leading into the protected land from nearby Beit Jann village.

The High Court of Justice is to hear a petition this morning from the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) for an injunction to prevent the unveiling of the monuments scheduled for October 30.

The SPNI maintains that it would be inappropriate to hold a public ceremony in an area where illegal roadwork has been carried out along a disputed track inside the nature preserve.

The society is also claiming in its petition that the Beit Jann local council and residents are in contempt of court for carrying out additional work along the track in contravention of an earlier court order.

Majid Kazamel, whose son, Fhadi, 19, was among the 73 soldiers and airmen killed in the collision between two Yasser helicopters, was adamant yesterday that the unveiling of the monuments would go ahead as planned.

"I have suffered enough. If I can't honor my son and his comrades who died in the same disaster, I have nothing to live for," said Kazamel.

"If the court upholds the petition and stops the unveiling ceremony I will start a hunger strike and I won't stop until I die," he vowed.

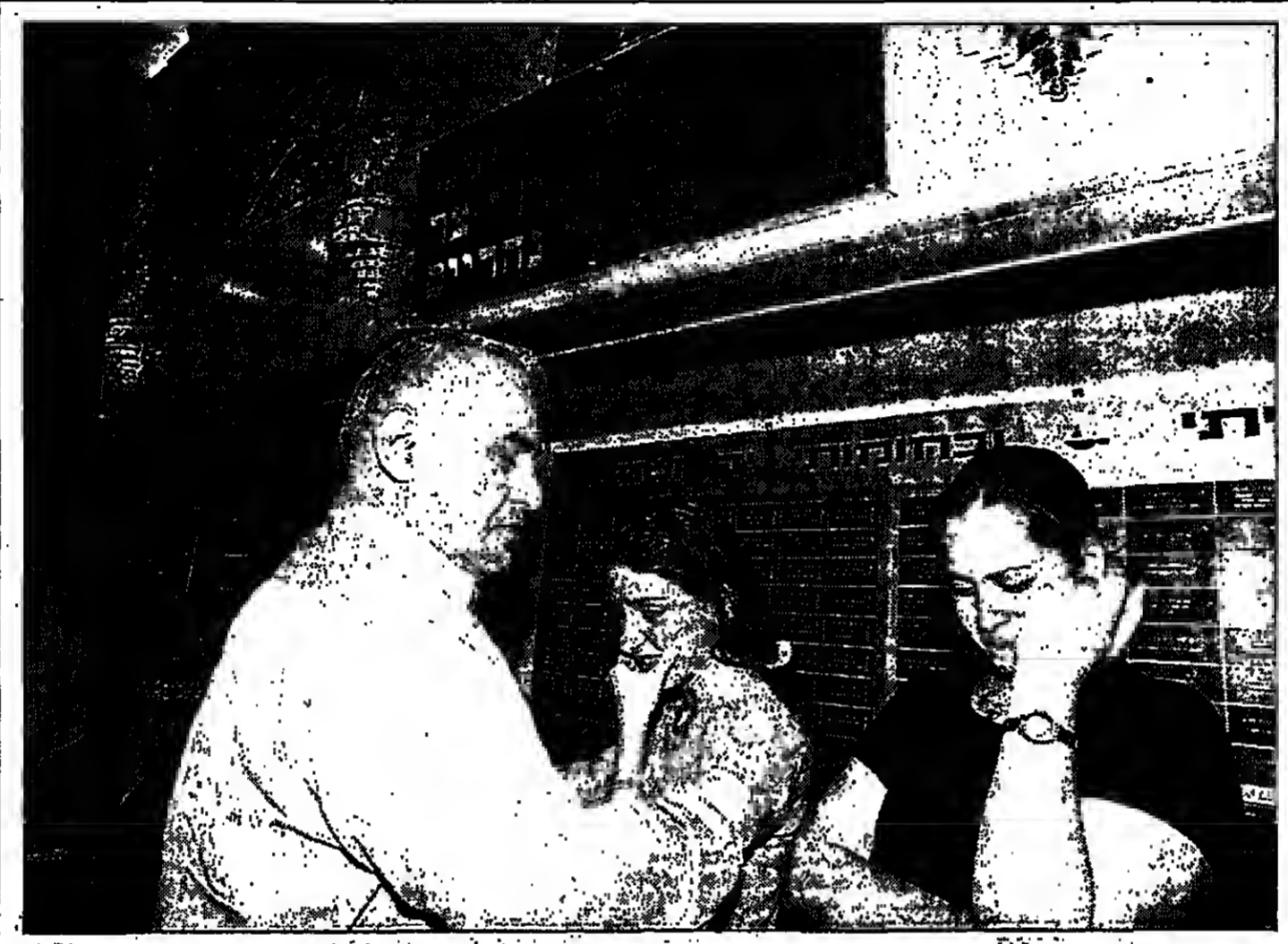
Kazamel spoke at a press conference in the village yesterday that was also attended by representatives of other bereaved families.

"I can't understand how the 'greens' can be so insensitive. Do they want to tell me that the monuments to my son and his comrades who died are scaring the animals or something?" he asked.

Beit Jann local council head Yusuf Kaban said that no work had been carried out on the disputed road in the nature preserve since the earlier court injunction.

He also stressed that the monuments had been constructed at the end of a three kilometer-long track, which Beit Jann residents were allowed to use, which leads into the nature preserve from the village.

Kaban said hundreds of residents from Beit Jann would be travelling to Jerusalem today for the court hearing to protest against what he called the "injustice" of the SPNI petition.



Comforting the mourners
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai comforts relatives of victims of the Naharayim shooting incident during a ceremony at the Sha'are Tzedek Synagogue in Beit Shemesh. At the ceremony, a wall in the synagogue was unveiled in memory of the seven girls killed in the incident. (Isaac Haran)

B'Tselem assails home demolitions

By ELI WOHLGELERTER

The human rights group B'Tselem accused the government yesterday of waging "vindictive and punitive acts" against Palestinians by stepping up the number of home demolitions to the West Bank and Jerusalem since the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings.

In a 43-page report released yesterday, B'Tselem said evidence of the government's punitive actions can be found in the number of houses demolished in the past four months.

In August, following the July 30 attacks on Mahaneh Yehuda, Israel destroyed 29 homes in the territories, leaving 163 people homeless, including 70 children, B'Tselem said.

The figure was four times the number demolished in July, 10 times the number in June and twice the number in May. So far this year, 109 demolitions have

taken place, the report said. Based on various sources, B'Tselem said, at least 10,800 people have been rendered homeless by some 1,800 home demolitions carried out over the last decade, generally for lack of building permits.

Lt. Peter Lerner, spokesman for the Civil Administration, responded that the report was "riddled with inaccuracies, and [is] only coincidentally related to the truth."

Lerner said the figure given for those left without shelter because of demolitions, which would be 12% of the Palestinians under Israeli control, was an exaggeration.

The B'Tselem report shows that most of the buildings that were demolished were unpopulated, and some were additions to houses or commercial holdings, he said.

Lerner also accused the Palestinian Authority of encouraging illegal construction "by

issuing PA building permits for Area C."

He said it was beyond the PA's jurisdiction to issue such permits, and that it also was in violation of the Oslo Accords.

Yuval Ginbar, author of the B'Tselem report, entitled, "Israel's Policy of Mass Demolition of Palestinian Houses in the West Bank," said the increase in demolitions in August was not because of "a sudden epidemic of unlicensed building, but a decision by the Israeli government on the 30th of July following the brutal, murderous attack on the Mahaneh Yehuda market, to increase the number of demolitions of houses in both the West Bank and east Jerusalem."

"The very fact that such a decision was taken and very efficiently implemented proves that what we have here is a vindictive, punitive act, where the only connection you can find to a terrorist attack is the adoption

by Israel of the terrorist principle of targeting innocent civilians - of course not the same degree of targeting," Ginbar said.

B'Tselem director Eitan Felner also accused Israel of trying to "freeze" the life of Palestinians through demolitions.

NEWS in brief

Two men arraigned for forging credit cards

Ilan Shikva, 26, an accounting student from Holon, and Haim Do'ar, 27, of Tel Aviv, were remanded in custody for two days by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for allegedly making counterfeit credit cards and withdrawing hundreds of thousands of shekels from other people's bank accounts.

Police, who caught the two based on intelligence information, said the suspects transformed Jewish Agency magnetic cards into credit cards and spied on their owners at automated teller machines to obtain their secret codes. *Itm*

Israel signs prisoner transfer treaty

Israel yesterday signed a European Union convention for the transfer of prisoners, the Justice Ministry said. The move followed cabinet approval of the treaty, under which Israeli citizens in European jails may ask to be transferred to an Israeli prison to complete their sentences. The treaty goes into effect in three months. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Justice Ministry denies probe against Last

The Justice Ministry's Division for Investigating Policemen denied yesterday that it had opened an investigation into complaints that Deputy Inspector-General Gabi Last allegedly had connections with underworld figure Felix Abutbul.

The Justice Ministry said that following an "intelligence check," no decision had been made to close the case because none had been opened. "And in any case no further details will be published on the matter," the ministry added.

Last, a key candidate to be the next inspector-general, is recovering from heart bypass surgery. *Itm*

Man killed in work accident

Ophir Marom, 23, of Ramat Zvi, was killed yesterday when he was caught in a harvesting machine in the cotton fields of Kibbutz Eilat. Marom was operating the machine alone in the field when there was apparently a mechanical failure in the vacuum mechanism. When he tried to fix it, he was sucked into the machine. His mangled body was discovered about 90 minutes later by his brother, who was bringing fuel for the machine, and noticed that it was working without an operator. *Itm*

Tour guide killed in fall

A tour guide was killed when he fell from a cliff on Masada yesterday afternoon. A special IDF unit descended the cliff to attempt a rescue, but when the soldiers arrived, they found he was dead. *Itm*

IMI on trial for deadly explosion

Israel Military Industries was indicted in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday connected to the explosion on July 30, 1992 at one of its plants in Ramat Hasharon. Two workers were killed in the blast and 66 others injured, including 19 passerby. The chief defendants are managers Haim Kostiner, 63, who was in charge of ammunition production, and Yosef Sinai, 71, who was in charge of safety. Others face lesser charges.

The charge sheet states that the accused knew there were insufficient precautions against the kind of explosion that took place and did not take sufficient measures to contain the spread of the fire. *Itm*

Holocaust studies must include N. African Jewry

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer is demanding that schools also teach youngsters about the effect the Holocaust had on North African Jewry, following a recent Yad Vashem study indicating some 800 Jews from the area were killed by the Nazis.

Hammer said many pupils are unaware of how the Nazis persecuted thousands of Jews in Libya and Tunisia, and confiscated their property. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Dutch convention moved from Jerusalem

Travel agents from the Netherlands are moving their annual convention from Jerusalem to Eilat following the Sept. 4 terrorist bombing in the capital.

"After the Ben-Yehuda attack the management of the organization was concerned that less agents would come," Tourism Ministry spokesman Orly Doron said. "In the end it was decided to move it to Eilat with a post-convention tour of Jerusalem."

She said 300 travel agents are due to attend the convention, which starts on October 3. *Reuters*

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The General Security Service's revelation of the identities of four suicide bombers who carried out the last two terrorist attacks in Jerusalem, has received a moderate response in the Hebrew press.

"The security value of this event does not justify the government's victory trumpet blast," writes *Ma'ariv's* Chemi Shalev.

Roni Shaked in *Yediot Aharonot* states that the exposure is a significant achievement because the GSS has regained its pride. However, "There is no room for

euphoria," he writes, "as long as the recruiters of the bombers are not behind bars, there is always the danger that they will launch bombers at the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

Terror in Amman

Yediot's Dov Ganchovsky praises the Jordanian authorities' responses to the attack on two Israeli embassy security men in Amman. "With no sophistry or excuses, they [Jordanians] determine that it is an attack against Israel and its representatives."

"Russein is the apple of Israel's eye, and can do no wrong," states *Ma'ariv's* Chemi Shalev, criticizes the Israeli government's approach of forgiveness for terrorist incidents in Jordan as opposed to the severe treatment Arafat receives. "The reason for Palestinian terror can be at least comprehended as a result of the pain and frustration of the Palestinians... but Jordanian ter-

National unity

The press unanimously rejects the prospect of the establishment of a national unity government.

Ha'aretz's Yoel Marcus says that while there are advantages to a unity government, a democratic regime should provide the citizens with alternatives. "Who will the citizen choose if everyone is eating from the same bowl?" asks Marcus. "An opposition exists in order to defeat and replace failing leaders, not in order to save them."

Yosef Harif in *Ma'ariv* claims that President Weizman's silence about a national unity government might be because he sees "the prospect of reaching an understanding between Netanyahu and Arafat may be greater than the prospect of reaching one with Ehud Barak." He adds that Barak has not yet revealed a concrete policy of his own or proven that he can lead his own party.

Going on strike

"Not only has the Histadrut lost its economic and political prestige, it now wants to arouse the resentment of millions of citizens," states *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid following the proclamation of the Histadrut comprehensive strike this week. Lapid protests against the Histadrut's claim that the government disregards its demands, as the Histadrut called off the meeting with treasury representatives. "The finance minister must find a respectable excuse that will allow the leaders of the Histadrut to come down off the high horse they climbed with such irresponsible proletarian passion."

Yediot Aharonot's Gideon Eshet asserts that some of the Histadrut's claims are just but in order to attain effective results, it must focus on one objective at a time. "When the Histadrut is not selective in choosing its goals and fights for every possible economic issue, it makes it easier for the Finance Minister to claim that the strike is political," he writes.

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Gov't hospital workers strike

By JUDY SIEGEL

Government hospitals will function on an emergency schedule from today due to a strike launched this morning by administrative, maintenance, and technical staffs. The strike, which has no connection to the Histadrut's current dispute with the government, is a protest against the shortage of staffers in state hospitals.

The level of services, including cleaning, laundry, food, and reception, will be minimal, according to union chief Batya Levi. She argued that all other hospital workers, including doctors and nurses, received "generous additions" of job slots in recent years.

But manpower in the maintenance, administrative, and technical sector has not expanded, despite a "shortage of 1,500 job slots in the hospitals," Levi said.

"The shortage harms the level of service and causes the dismissal of some 'temporary' workers, even though they have been 'temporary' for as long as five years," she said.

Meanwhile, in a meeting with Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, public hospital directors expressed their anger over the fact that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has not yet found the time to meet them over threats to cut back on health services.

Prof. Ya'acov Hart, head of the association of public hospital directors, said

that the Treasury's plans to restructure the health system will have one effect: to abrogate the national health insurance system. Matza promised to speak to the premier about arranging a meeting with the hospital administrators.

"The Treasury takes the responsibility, but demands that we, the hospital directors, give the explanations for the decline in medical services," said Dr. Meir Oren, director of Hillel Jaffe Hospital in Hadera.

"Even today we are forced to send patients home prematurely, but Treasury officials run from responsibility."

Prof. Moshe Revah, director of Haifa's Rambam Hospital, protested against the Treasury's demand that the hospitals absorb the cost of increasing the number of doctors - which is the reason for intermittent sanctions by the Israel Medical Association over the past week.

"As it is, we already absorb the costs of new drugs and technologies that aren't budgeted at all," Revah said.

Matza, who said he doesn't know how the health system will look on January 1, when the structural changes are to go into effect, said it was important for all in the health sector to stick together.

"I'm not asking for an increase in the national pie, but for setting the health system at the top of national priorities," Matza said.



The Deri Trial

Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi listens to the proceedings after giving testimony at the Aryeh Deri trial in Jerusalem District Court yesterday. (Goran Hendler)

'Danger of war with Syria rising'

By DAVID RUDGE

Every day that passes without progress on the Israel-Syria peace track brings the danger of war between the two countries closer, according to Dr. Eyal Zisser, a researcher at the Syrian-Lebanon desk at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center.

His comments coincided with conflicting reports about Syria's willingness to resume talks. One recent report said the US ambassador to Syria had relayed a message to Washington that Syria is ready to discuss a framework and agenda for a return to the negotiating table.

Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam, however, has since made it clear that Syria has no intention of yielding on its demands.

Khaddam told a delegation of visiting Egyptian journalists in Syria on Tuesday that Syria is still only willing to resume negotiations from the point where they stopped.

He also stressed that Syria is adamant that Israel withdraw to the June 4, 1967 lines.

Zisser said that in view of Syria's unchanged stance, a sudden agreement to re-enter into negotiations seems highly unlikely.

"I suspect that there is nothing behind the report of Syria's alleged willingness to resume talks, unless Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu has really offered them something that we are unaware of," said Zisser.

"The Syrians may agree to a compromise on their demands if they receive a clear signal that Israel is ready to negotiate over the Golan Heights, but there haven't been any such signals as yet."

Zisser stressed that while Syria is committed to the peace process for the time being, it is also steadily preparing for the war option.

"There's no real contradiction in this. Syria would prefer to get the Golan Heights through a peace process, but is also preparing itself for the possibility that this won't happen," he said.

Zisser said it is difficult to try and predict at which point President Hafez Assad or his successor might decide that the time had come to implement the military option.

"We have failed to understand Assad's timescale in the past, and therefore it is hard to answer such a question. I would say, however, that every day that passes without achieving peace or some progress towards peace brings us closer to the possibility of war," he said.

Shahal and Zvilli call Barak 'dictatorial'

By SARAH HONIG

Labor MKs Moshe Shahal and Nissim Zvilli yesterday launched a stinging attack on their party chairman, Ehud Barak, charging that he is suspicious, dictatorial and intolerant.

Shahal accused Barak of "running the party as if it were one man's domain and a closed army camp of which he is sole, unchallengeable commander."

This all took place in the closed segment of yesterday's Labor Knesset faction session and Shahal's fury was kindled by Barak's opposition to Shahal's and Zvilli's proposal that Peres head a non-partisan "peace front."

Barak recently told a gathering of top labor politicians that he regards this as yet another attempt by Peres to make a political comeback and that the front could well evolve into a party which would seek to take on

Barak and Labor.

Shahal, Zvilli and other Peres Laborites were not invited to the caucus at which Barak acerbically took Peres on.

This drew fire from Shahal, who has announced that he would be quitting politics next month. With apparently nothing to lose, he blasted Barak for "not even bothering to check with me what the nature of my initiative was. He is a winner without the culture of knowing how to be magnanimous to victory."

"He who does not honor his predecessor will not be honored himself. It's high time Barak realized that Labor is not an armed military camp where his word and his word alone matters and where he can boycott anyone not of his mind."

Shahal went on to say that "what I see in Labor now terrifies me."

"It's a new concept - anyone who evinces sensitivity is not a winner and the winner just cuts

down all those he might subjectively perceive as a threat."

"Peres needs no titles, but Barak has a twisted grasp of public life where he suspects every shadow and forgets that we are not a party which ever had a personality cult, not even during Ben-Gurion's days. We won't start now for Barak."

Zvilli chimed in: "It's time this witch hunt against Peres stopped. It's time the witch hunt against anyone who doesn't agree with Barak and doesn't belong to his subservient clique be stopped."

Barak himself did not reply but had Labor spokesman Yoram Dori issue a statement in which it is noted that Barak "was elected by an absolute majority of party members...and can't please all the people all the time... Labor needs unity of action and the prevention of the divisiveness which had kept the party in the opposition for 15 years."

Matza objects to legalizing organ sales from live donors

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday voiced opposition to legalizing the sale of organs from live donors.

"It is inconceivable that a poor person should give up some of his organs to save himself or his family from financial straits. If there is poverty, it's the job of the state to solve it," he said.

Matza reacted to reports that Israelis on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant have been going to Turkey and paying large sums to buy a donor organ. He

said his ministry would soon hold an in-depth discussion on the ethical and legal issues involved.

There are currently 800 patients waiting for a kidney transplant, but only 160 kidneys are transplanted each year. Most are either donated by relatives or taken from cadavers.

The scarcity of kidney donors is a worldwide problem, Matza said, but added that Israel "must try to improve the transplant donation situation."

Ma'ariv and Ha'aretz yesterday quoted Amos Kanav, chair-

man of a voluntary association of would-be kidney recipients, who claimed that "the price of a kidney transplant in Turkey was \$60,000 last year and has risen to \$140,000."

The sale of organs reportedly goes on although it is illegal in Turkey.

Last February, a Turkish TV team produced a documentary about the sale of transplant organs, claiming that poor people received \$8,000 for a kidney and middlemen received many times that amount when selling it to foreigners.

Sabbah hints of papal visit in 2000

By HAIM SHAPIRO

In a pastoral letter concerning preparations for the year 2000, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah indicated yesterday for the first time that Pope John Paul II will visit the Holy Land at the end of the Jubilee year.

"We know how deeply the Holy Father loves the Church of Jerusalem and all her faithful and that he longs to come to the Holy Land for pilgrimage, to visit the Church of Jerusalem and the inhabitants of this land, and to bring them a message of love, peace, justice and reconciliation. We pray that this pilgrimage may take as soon as possible, as the climax of the Year 2000 celebrations," Sabbah wrote.

Sabbah also spoke of preparations underway for the pilgrims. But the main thrust of his letter concerned the Palestinians, whose situation the patriarch described as "quite hard."

"Difficulties and fear are part of our daily life," he said, speaking of arrests, closures and unemployment, which are key problems facing the Palestinians.

He added that Jerusalem was constantly subjected to security measures which prevented many faithful from visiting.

"We see also that the civil authorities are preparing to welcome pilgrims who will come from all the countries of the world. We thank them for their endeavor," he said.

But Sabbah appealed to Israel to also welcome "the daughters and sons of this land, and to remove the military barriers which have become a permanent obstacle to their faith and prayer."

Tourism Ministry Director-General David Litvak estimated that about five million pilgrims would visit in 2000.

Waddai Abu-Nassar, executive director of the Latin Patriarchate's office of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, said that the Patriarchate has yet to decide which churches will be the main pilgrimage sites.

Group opposes burial plots for 'doubtful' Jews

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Menuha Nehona, an organization that aims to provide non-Orthodox alternatives for burial in Israel, charged yesterday that an agreement providing special cemetery sections for those not recognized as Jewish by halacha, was done deliberately to circumvent efforts to open alternative cemeteries.

Prof. Boaz Moav, the organization's chairman, told a news conference in Tel Aviv that by establishing the so-called "doubtful" sections, the religious establishment would perpetuate a separate burial status for those not recognized as Jews.

Agreement to set up the special sections was reached between the Chief Rabbinate and the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party. A similar conclusion was reached by a committee appointed by Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein after the embarrassment last month over a victim of

the suicide bombings in Mahaneh Yebuda. 15-year-old Grigory (Grisha) Pesahovic, being buried in the Bahai section of Har Hamenuhot Cemetery.

The committee concluded that every Jewish cemetery should have a section for those not recognized as Jewish by halacha.

Avraham Gal, an attorney and chairman of the Jerusalem branch of Menuha Nehona, said that setting up the "doubtful" sections was first proposed by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau in a secret meeting with representatives from burial societies around the country.

But Gal said that the High Court has already upheld the right of Menuha Nehona to receive ground for non-Orthodox burial in various localities.

Gal warned that the organization would appeal again to the court if local cemeteries allocated land for "doubtful" sections, rather than to Menuha Nehona, which represents the more liberal streams of Judaism.

High Court invalidates part of Securities Law

The High Court of Justice, in a panel of 11 justices headed by President Aharon Barak, yesterday partially accepted a petition by the Office of Portfolio Managers against the new Securities Law, and ordered that a section of it be invalidated unless the Knesset corrects it by January 1.

The court, however, unanimously upheld the section of the law which mandates that anyone wishing to be an investment counselor must be licensed. To obtain a license, one must deposit NIS 300,000, incorporate, and pass professional examinations.

The petitioners argued that this violates the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation in that the licens-

ing standards are too strict and illogical. The court said that such standards are required to meet the aim of the law, that those who manage large sums of other people's money must be licensed to do so.

The petitioners also argued that the law is wrong in insisting that all working portfolio managers with less than seven years' experience be required to meet the new requirements in full. They said it harms those with less than seven years' experience more than is necessary.

The court agreed with them about this, and said that if the Knesset does not amend this section by January 1, it will be invalid. (Him)



Free Vanunu demo

A protester wears a cutout mask of Mordechai Vanunu during a demonstration yesterday at the Ashkelon Prison, where Vanunu is being held for leaking nuclear secrets to Britain's "Sunday Times". A group calling for Vanunu's release plans to stage daily demonstrations until September 30, the day which marks the eleventh anniversary of the imprisonment of the former worker at the Dimona nuclear facility. Vanunu was sentenced in 1986 to 18 years in jail for treason. (Reuters)

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Algeria to accept rebel cease-fire

By FRANCOIS RAITBERGER

PARIS — Algeria's tightly controlled state television and radio yesterday gave extensive coverage to a Moslem rebel cease-fire offer, suggesting the authorities endorse the proposal.

Algerian television showed the three-page statement by Madani Mezrag, commander of the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS), in which he announced a cease-fire from October 1.

The television announcer, breaking with a strictly-enforced tradition of ignoring Moslem rebels' statements, read several extracts, focusing on Algeria's unity and marginalizing radical guerrillas.

Algerian state radio also carried a summary of the announcement.

The government-run *El-Moudjahid* newspaper quoted Mezrag promising Algerians to shut the "doors of wrongdoing".

L'Authentique, widely believed to be close to President Liamine Zeroual's top advisor Mohamed Betchine, said the AIS had renounced violence.

The AIS was said to have called the cease-fire in order to expose rival

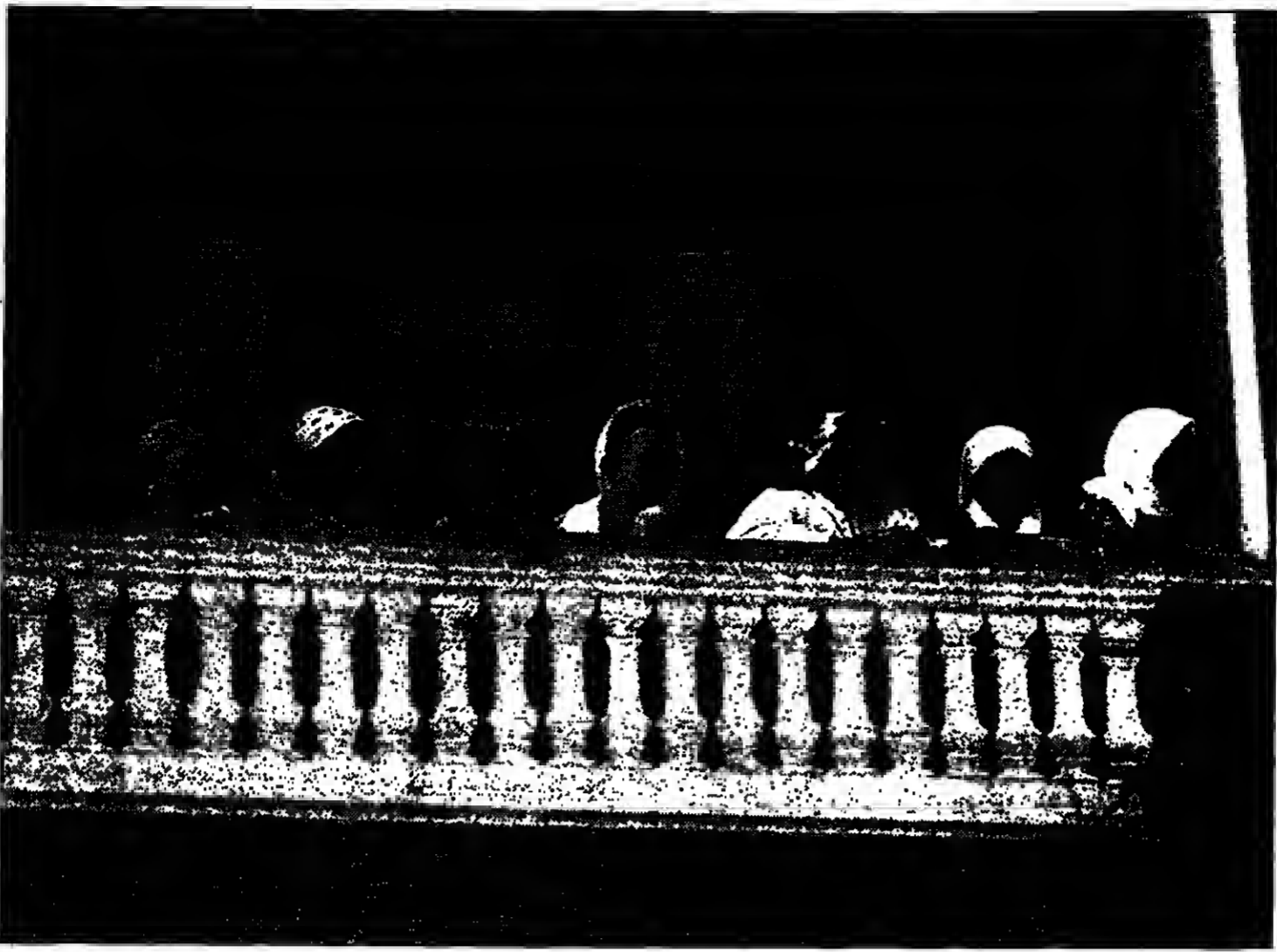
GIA guerrillas who it blamed for massacres of civilians.

Mezrag's statement the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) and unnamed forces manipulating them were bent on torpedoing conciliatory measures taken by the Algerian government to try to end the bloody five-year-old civil strife.

"In order to foil the plans of those who are waiting for the opportunity to harm Algeria... the national Emir (commander) of the Islamic Salvation Army orders all chiefs of combat companies under his command to stop combat operations from October 1 1997," the statement said.

The AIS statement, dated last Sunday, came a day after some 200 civilians were killed in Algiers' Baraki suburb in one of the worst of recent massacres blamed by the authorities on Moslem fundamentalist guerrillas.

The statement from the AIS, which is the armed wing of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), recalled that the Algiers government had recently released FIS



Women survivors and relatives of victims of the latest massacre in Algeria look down from a balcony yesterday on a deserted street hours after 200 people were shot or stabbed to death and another 100 were wounded near Baraki in the suburbs of the Algerian capital. (AP)

leader Abassi Madani in a series of steps towards détente.

"This detente prompted the enemies of yesterday and today to manipulate their pawns scattered here and there in order to fan the flames of discord among the sons of the Algerian people and foil any plan that could buoy the country and motivate the citizens," the statement said.

The AIS commander "called upon other groups caring for the interests of religion and of the nation to rally to this appeal in order to expose the enemy hiding behind the horrible massacres and isolate the criminal remnants of perverse GIA extremists, and those who hide

behind them".

The FIS has condemned the series of recent massacres, which AIS described as "extreme barbarity" and "abominable slaughter, the like of which has hardly ever been seen in the modern history of humanity".

"The case is serious... the situation is dangerous and the conspiracy is enormous," said the AIS statement, quoting verses of the Koran Moslem holy book saying God's help was always at hand.

Algerian authorities blame Moslem fundamentalist rebels for violence which erupted in early 1992 when the authorities

scrapped a general election which the FIS seemed set to win. About 60,000 people have been killed since then in the nation of 29 million.

Meanwhile, former French foreign minister Herve de Charette called on the international community to intervene in Algeria to stop the massacres of civilians.

"It is time for the international community to realize... that it cannot remain silent and indifferent," de Charette told French radio.

"There are bodies in the United Nations, from the Human Rights Commission to the Security Council, which would be entitled to accept that this problem

has reached such a dimension and such characteristics that the international community has to step in," he said.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has condemned the latest massacres.

De Charette, who lost his job last June when the left won parliamentary elections, said France itself was ill-placed to intervene, because of its prickly relationship with its former colony and threats to its own security.

Eight people died in France in 1995-96 in a wave of bombings claimed by Algerian Moslem rebels who accused Paris of backing the Algiers government. (Reuters)

The unbearable price of impotence

PARIS — Calls for action to stop the bloodshed in Algeria mounted in France yesterday after yet another gruesome massacre, but Paris has its hands tied by its prickly relations with Algiers and by Moslem terrorist threats.

Tuesday's slaughter of at least 85 civilians in an Algiers suburb was just the latest in a series of mass killings which even guerrillas of the Algerian Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) say is virtually unprecedented in modern times.

An estimated 60,000 people have died in Algeria in five years of civil strife. Algiers blames the massacres on Moslem fundamentalist terrorists bent on toppling the government.

The French, meanwhile, look on in impotent horror as its former North African possession sinks further into chaos.

"The old and obsessive question 'What can we do?' becomes more cruel with every attack, because clearly no one has the answer," the left-wing Paris daily *Liberation* said.

Government officials and intellectuals can only reply to the question with yet another question.

"We cannot do nothing. But what can we do?" French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said recently.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yves Doutriaux said yesterday that the French government was "horror-stricken" by news of the latest atrocity, in which the real death toll may have topped 200.

Doutriaux could only add, however, that France "again stresses the need for a political settlement drafted by the Algerians themselves."

Algeria, which won independence from France in 1962 after a bloody seven-year war, is a minefield for Paris, which is torn between the desire to maintain relations with its government and the need to avoid the strife spreading to its own territory and its large Algerian immigrant community.

Vedrine said France was discussing the Algerian conflict "a lot" with the United States and Mediterranean countries, but "nobody has a satisfactory answer." French attempts to step

into the conflict, including a call for an international conference by late president Francois Mitterrand, immediately triggered angry charges by Algeria that France was meddling in its internal affairs.

Eight people died and dozens were wounded in 1995-96 in a bombing campaign staged in France itself by Algerian Moslem guerrillas accusing Paris of backing the Algiers government.

Tuesday's carnage prompted calls across the political spectrum to take the conflict to the international stage.

"The Algerian leaders owe the international community explanations," said conservative former foreign minister Herve de Charette, suggesting that the size of the problem should prompt the UN Security Council to step in.

"The problem must be internationalized... Voicing indignation no longer suffices," said Francois Hollande, head of the ruling Socialist Party.

"International silence serves the Algerian government as well as the most radical Islamists," said publisher Francois Geze, urging the French government to ask the Security Council to send a fact-finding mission to Algiers.

Questions were being asked about the Algerian government's assertion that attacks were "residual", and about the failure of Algerian security forces to stop the massacres, often happening in the vicinity of army or police barracks.

"Villagers do not defend themselves... On the other hand, the groups at work in Algiers seem to be heavily armed, with vehicles, well organized and structured," said Malek Chebel, head of the Paris-based Arab World Observatory.

"What is to be done in Algeria? Begin with the beginning; find out what is really happening there," *Liberation* said. The daily suggested that the international community appoint neutral investigators.

Meanwhile, French human rights groups kept doing what they have been doing: urging solidarity with the Algerian people. The anti-racist MRAP group called for demonstrations next Monday "to break down the wall of silence." (Reuters)

BACKGROUND

Fate of British nurse sentenced to beheading in Saudi Arabia unclear

By ANWAR FARUQI

DUBAI — A British nurse has been convicted of murdering an Australian co-worker in Saudi Arabia, but whether she will be beheaded under the kingdom's strict Islamic laws remains unclear.

A Saudi lawyer for Deborah Parry, 38, said yesterday that the victim's brother had waived his right to demand the death penalty under Saudi law. But Parry's lawyer in Australia denied this.

The conflicting reports are at the center of the confusion surrounding Parry's fate since her conviction — handed down by a Saudi court on August 17 — was made public on Tuesday.

The court also convicted

Parry's co-accused, Lucille McLachlan, 31, of being an accessory to the murder and sentenced her to eight years in prison and flogging. The British Foreign Office said she faces 500 lashes, which it described as "wholly unacceptable in the modern world."

The two nurses were accused of stabbing and hugging to death Yvonne Gilford, 55.

Under Islamic laws, Gilford's brother, Frank, has the right to demand the death sentence once a conviction is confirmed or settle for financial compensation.

Throughout the three-month trial Frank Gilford had insisted that his sister's killers must be beheaded, the usual form of execution in Saudi Arabia.



Murdered: Yvonne Gilford (AP)

Yesterday, Salah Hejailan, Parry's Saudi lawyer, told the BBC that Gilford has signed an agreement waiving his right to

demand the death penalty, and the agreement is with the British ambassador in Australia.

He said the agreement was "final and binding" and that Gilford has begun discussions about financial compensation.

The compensation money would go to a children's charity in Australia but a "great deal" of money would go to Gilford, Hejailan said.

At the same time, Parry's Australian lawyer, Michael Burnett, said: "My understanding is that there is no waiver at this stage." Burnett's law firm and Gilford's lawyers also issued a joint statement on Tuesday, denying that Gilford has waived his right.

In London, Saudi Ambassador Ghazi Algosabi said in a statement that "until the verdict is rendered and officially announced by the Saudi government, all reports on the case should be considered mere speculation."

If Parry's sentence is carried out, she would be the first Westerner to be executed in Saudi Arabia. But scores of foreigners, mostly Asians convicted of drug smuggling, have been beheaded.

The nurses had confessed to killing Gilford, but retracted it, saying they were coerced by Saudi authorities.

Before the killing, all three nurses were at a party that ended with them quarreling, the Saudi-owned *Al-Hayat* newspaper said. It did not say what caused the dispute. (AP)

Spain police shoot major Basque terrorist

By PAMELA ROLFE

BILBAO, Spain — The chief of the deadliest hit team of the Basque separatist group ETA and another man were killed yesterday in what authorities described as a shootout with police in a narrow downtown street.

Interior Minister Jaime Mayor Oreja said the killing of Salvador Gaztelumendi Gil has shattered the Vizcaya Commando, which assassinated four people this year.

A political party linked to ETA expressed doubt any shootout occurred and said police may have ambushed the men.

The other dead man was an ETA member, but was not identified, said Civil Guard commander Santiago Lopez Valdivieso.

ETA, an acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty, has killed almost 800 people since it began fighting for independence of north-

ern Spain's Basque region in 1968. Police later found a weapons cache containing plastic explosives, assault rifles, grenades and grenade launchers in a Bilbao garage and arrested 12 people — four in connection to terrorist activities, the state news agency EFE reported.

Police spokesman Juan Carlos Salinas said police had been stalking the parked car that was identified as the getaway vehicle in the killing of a policeman.

Before dawn, Gaztelumendi Gil and his companion approached the parked car, Salinas said. When police asked for identification, the men drew guns and opened fire, he said.

Gaztelumendi was shot through the ribs, with the bullet hitting internal organs, and the other man was shot through the heart, EFE said.

One Civil Guard officer was lightly wounded in the hand. (AP)

China warns US, Japan on Taiwan military pact

BEIJING — China yesterday drew a firm line on a new Japanese-US defense agreement, saying any attempt to include Taiwan within the pact's framework would harm Beijing's interests.

The comments by the Foreign Ministry were the strongest in China's 17-month effort to make sure the renegotiated agreement did not undermine Beijing's claim to Taiwan.

"Everyone knows Taiwan is an inseparable part of China. No matter if the Taiwan Strait is placed in the scope of the Japan-US defense cooperation directly or indirectly, it infringes on and interferes in China's sovereignty," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said on state-run television. "This is something the Chinese government and people cannot accept."

Officials announcing the pact were careful not to specify other countries as potential threats. But a Japanese cabinet official last month said Taiwan would be one area where Japan might have to come to the support of US military forces.

By law, the US must aid the defense of Taiwan, home to the Nationalist Party government Washington backed in the Chinese civil war and into the Cold War. Communist Party-ruled China sees

Taiwan as a rebel province to be retaken by force if necessary and views any foreign support for the island as interference.

Shen reminded Washington and Tokyo they have previously acknowledged China's claim to the island. He offered the foreign governments advice: "Don't do things that will harm China's interests and hurt the feelings of the Chinese people." Shen reaffirmed the government's position that the defense

agreement should only cover bilateral affairs, "otherwise it will touch off instability among neighboring Asian countries and will have harmful effects on the region's security."

Beijing has worried its ambitions as a regional power were the ultimate target of the pact, ever since Washington and Tokyo agreed to renegotiate guidelines for defense cooperation in April 1996. (AP)

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Staying in is hard to do

A new US crackdown on illegal immigrants might split families

By WILLIAM BRANIGAN

WASHINGTON - Bolivian native Elizabeth Rivas came to the US with her parents 12 years ago to see Disneyland. Her mother and father stayed on and became legal residents, and she was considered legal until she turned 21.

Rivas met her husband, Jose, a Salvadoran immigrant, and their two children were born in this country. The Reston, Virginia, couple are on a waiting list to become legal residents and had expected to get their final papers three years from now.

But at the end of this month, unless Congress renews a regulation that lets illegal immigrants live in the US while applying for permanent residence, the Rivases and hundreds of thousands like them will have to return to their native countries until their green cards are approved.

"There is nothing left for me in Bolivia, and things are even worse in El Salvador," said Rivas, 28, a housekeeper who dreads being separated from her parents and children for so long. "We started from scratch, [hoping to] make a future for our children in America. Now we face a terrible dilemma, and every day is full of anxiety."

The regulation approved by Congress in 1994 allows illegal immigrants - if they pay a fine

of \$1,000 - to stay in this country once they are on a short list for legal residence. That regulation expires September 30, and the Clinton administration supports extending it. But the House and Senate are divided over the issue, which is bogged down in the federal budget process and may not be resolved by month's end.

Meanwhile, a new law that requires all illegal immigrants to leave the country is set to take effect September 27. This fast-approaching double deadline has thrown residence applicants across the country into a panic. Thousands have homedared immigration lawyers, radio shows and the Internet with anxious queries. Should they buy a plane ticket, quit their jobs, leave their families - or lie low and hope for the best?

"People are agonizing about what to do, and lawyers don't know what to advise them because the situation is so uncertain," said Judy Golub, of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. If the 1994 regulation is allowed to expire, "people will have to choose between becoming exiles or outlaws."

For many proponents of immigration reform, however, foreigners who entered the US illegally or who stayed after their visas expired don't deserve special consideration. The regula-

tion, they argue, allows such people to "launder" their immigration status and cut ahead of those who have waited abroad for years to immigrate legally.

"This [regulation] says to someone in a foreign country, 'Go ahead and enter illegally, and we will bend over backward to give you legal residency.' That is entirely the wrong message to send," said Allen Kay, a spokesman for Representative Lamar Smith (Republican-Texas), who spearheaded enactment last year of the tough new immigration law.

Across the US, immigrants who are becoming legal residents are seeking help or mounting protests. In Seattle, Rajesh Dua, a research chemist and legal resident from India, sent a fax to the lawyers' association to describe the plight of his wife, a Japanese immigrant who has been waiting for her residence papers since 1995.

"We are law-abiding [taxpayers]," Dua said. "We own a home and are contributing to society. It will be a terrible injustice if, in the name of the law, the US separates a young couple who have realized their American dream."

A college teacher in Chicago, whose husband arrived from China and applied for a green card in 1994 after his student visa expired, has sent an anonymous letter to Congress on the Internet. Her family, she wrote, "is on the verge of destruction" unless the 1994 regulation is renewed. If her husband must return to China by September 27, "I will be forced to become a single mother and be separated for at least three years ... It can even mean good-bye."

In Laurel, Maryland, Taher Omran, a garage manager, has been trying to obtain legal residence through his wife, a US citizen. He came to this country as a student from Libya in 1980 and stayed after his visa expired. He applied unsuccessfully for political asylum, and his attempts to get a green card since his marriage have been stymied because of diplomatic problems between the US and Libya. He has no foreign passport and no place to go if he has to leave the country by September 27.

"We have tried and tried to comply with the law, and there is nothing more we can do," said Omran's wife, Fatimah

Steffanof, who has two children and is pregnant with a third. "If he has to leave now, he will take away all our financial and emotional support." About 1.5 million to 2 million immigrants are in line to become legal residents through the sponsorship of American relatives or employers.

The government lets about 386,000 foreigners legalize each year, and all must wait their turn according to a quota system that assigns them different lengths of time, depending on their country and their relationship to the sponsor. The wait is much longer for relatives of legal residents than for relatives of US citizens, and the waiting period can range from a few months for the spouse of a US citizen to 25 years for the adult sibling of a legal resident.

Until three years ago, all residence applicants had to return to their native countries to get their final papers. But in 1994, Congress enacted the regulation and fine as a way to streamline the legalization process for immigrants living here, cut down work for overburdened US consulates abroad and provide the Immigration and Naturalization Service with extra income.

Until now, the regulation has been largely a convenience for residence applicants. In most cases, it saved them the hassle and expense of a plane trip to their native country to pick up a visa.

But that convenience will take on a more urgent meaning after September 27. That's the date when, under the 1996 immigration law, illegal immigrants must leave the US or risk being barred from returning. Illegal immigrants who do not leave the country by September 27, and who later try to pick up their residence visas abroad, will be prohibited from returning to the US for three years. If they stay in the US illegally after April 1998, they can be barred from returning for 10 years.

Only residence applicants who have already paid the \$1,000 fine can avoid the reentry ban. If the 1994 regulation is not extended, the only way the vast majority of illegal immigrants can become legal residents is by going home and waiting until their visa is approved, a process that can take years.

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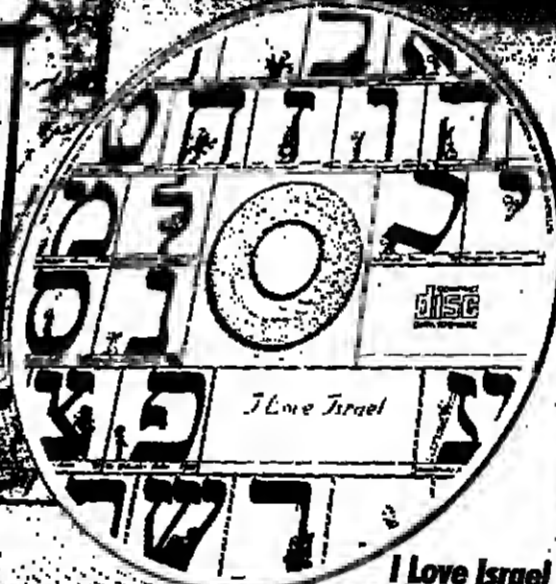
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Gotham City's new sex tour

By ELLEN WULFHORST

NEW YORK - Four buses in New York City traditionally head for the Empire State Building "cruise" through Broadway's theater district and Times Square or stop at art museums on Fifth Avenue. For those who might be bored by such well-worn tourist types, "Playboy" magazine is offering a tour of sites of the sexual revolution in New York. Starting at a downtown school where "Victoria's Secret" models learned about "free love" in the 1970s and ending at a renovated "Stines" Square, the tour features a stop of peep shows and pornographic movies, the off-beat tour features two-and-a-half hours of lively history of sex in the city.

"This city has a sexual landscape and details of its sexual history," said tour guide James Peterson, who provides a sneak preview on Tuesday. "It's also had that fringe frontier, where people try out ideas. The Playboy tour runs this weekend only, with tickets priced at \$25.

Proceeds are to be donated to a non-profit anti-censorship group. Among the tour's highlights are New York's first transvestite bar from the 1890s and a brothel where distraught and destitute prostitutes were known to kill themselves at an alarming rate at the turn of the century. Another stop is a narrow winding lane in Greenwich Village called Gay Street, said to be the most stolen street sign in New York City.

But in what may come as a disappointment to some, the street is in fact named for 19th-century abolitionist and publisher Sidney Gay, according to the tour. "Tourgoers seeking the company of Playboy playmates will also be disappointed. The tour is

more about sexual expression than about sex, and would please any student of constitutional free speech as much as any fan of Playboy's monthly centerfold. The First Amendment is the background for sex in America," said Peterson, who is the author of Playboy's 10-part series on the history of the sexual revolution. "It's about the control of images of sex, the discussion of sex, the health of sex. The public side of sex is the battle."

Highlights of the emphasis on sexual expression and sex freedom are four stops: the first is a control clinic, the second is an office of lawyers who fought the behalf of publisher John James Joyce's "Ulysses" and a third where Mae West appeared in a play called "Sex and was sent to jail.

Another stop is the Stonewall bar, where a police raid and subsequent riots in 1969 were considered the birth of the modern gay rights movement, and the ART Students League, where a censorship battle gave rise to a well-known cartoon of a lawyer in court, saying scoldingly, "Judge, this woman gave birth to a naked baby."

The idea of such a tour of the city is not new, said Seth Kamin, who runs Big Onion Tours in New York and helped organize the Playboy escapade.

In the early 1990s, a noted entrepreneur ran so-called "slut" tours which took wealthy patrons down the Bowery, home to denizens and prostitutes. "Sex and the down-and-out have always been a tourist attraction in New York," said Kamin. "People would take part in the tours, go home, tell their friends over a drink to change their nerves, and then all their friends would come down to see for themselves."

(Reuters)

In Chinese Hong Kong, it's business as usual

By SANDRA SUGAWARA

HONG KONG — The resumes are piling up in Vincent Fan's office here.

The dapper, Hong Kong-born chairman of Citicorp China Investment Management Ltd. says that since the British returned this former colony to China on July 1, a trickle of job inquiries from overseas Chinese has turned into a flood.

"We're seeing people from Canada, Australia and the U.S. hoping to work here, bringing their families, their savings, buying homes, buying stock," Fan said. "They see opportunity here now since the handover."

Three months ago, the world was abuzz with predictions that economic trouble would begin when Chinese officials took over the government's residence here and soldiers of the People's Liberation Army crossed the border. Corruption would take hold, confidence would sag, the "rule of law" would go out the window. Markets would fall as investors got out.

Today, the pessimists are still waiting for those things to happen. Many other people have assumed they're not going to, and are coming back to Hong Kong, East Asia's Wall Street, bringing their money with them. Manoeuvring and deal-making are already under way for stakes in Hong Kong's economy and business with China that originates here.

All in all, Hong Kong's economy has treated the change in political power as a formality. Its automated ports remain bustling. Rush-hour buses and subways are as crowded as ever in its central district. Construction of yet more glass high-rises continues apace. There is a great irony in this. Dovo the street from Fan's office, thousands of bankers and finance ministers are gathered this week for the annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which opens Tuesday with a speech by Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng.

Earlier this year, East Asian countries expected this meeting to showcase their "tiger" economies, while

Westerners were wondering whether the conference would take place amid a Hong Kong in trouble.

Now it's the rest of the region that's in turmoil. On July 2, while handover parties here were winding down, the Thai currency dropped steeply, signaling the start of a currency crisis that has rattled much of the region. Currencies of the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia soon followed, and they appear unable to stabilize.

Monday the bad news continued: on the heels of an attack on currency traders over the weekend by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad, that country's currency, the ringgit, hit a 26-year low, weakening currencies in Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore as well.

In comparison, Hong Kong has been an island of relative calm. Despite speculative actions against the Hong Kong dollar, the currency has remained stable. Hong Kong's stock market, after rising in the weeks after the takeover, has taken a hit recently. Most analysts, however, say that does not reflect a flight of confidence here, but rather sales to cover losses in other Asian markets. New offerings are still expected to attract plenty of capital, analysts say.

The political calm here is also soothing to foreign investors.

There has been no wave of arrests. The press has remained essentially free. "Wow! Look at that," said a European banker as he sat in the convention center reading a Hong Kong newspaper. He pointed to a story that described Li Peng as "the man many blame for the 1989 Tiananmen killings" and quoted a bystander as saying he resented Li's visit here.

An American brokerage executive says he is reassured that Hong Kong's best-known bureaucrats continue to hold key posts.

Martin Lee, head of the main political opposition group, the Democratic Party, contends that the calm can be deceiving. "If you look at Communist China in the last 50 years, it's gone like a pendulum. It swings slowly to the right, and things seem to be getting better. There's more prosperity and more freedom, up to a

point. Then it swings violently to the left, sweeping everything along with it," he said.

A few fund managers also are skeptical of the conventional wisdom about Hong Kong economic vitality, though their concerns often grow from long-brewing economic imbalances rather than the change in leadership. William S. Kaye, senior managing director of the Pacific Group, believes Hong Kong will be next in the regional currency meltdown. "Hong Kong now has a currency that is extremely overvalued," he said, making it costly to operate here.

Nevertheless, companies keep moving in or expanding, according to property analysts. Michael Green, an analyst with the securities firm Salomon Brothers Inc., said demand for office space has been rising in recent weeks. "Companies are expanding. Some held off on plans to see how the handover went," Greeo said. In addition, he said, a major land auction held last month, the first after the handover, "went spectacularly well ... at the top end of expectations." Hong Kong's close links with China, which is one of the region's largest and fastest-growing economies, have been converted into a plus in many minds. But as Martin Lee points out, Hong Kong is also bound to be hurt if China's economy stumbles.

Prices of China-related stocks here are sky-high, which is troubling to many professional investors, who say prices are well beyond what they should be, given the companies' earnings and assets. "You don't want the stock market to turn into a casino," Fan said.

The chairman of the Hong Kong stock exchange, Edgar Cheng warned that investor frenzy could lead to disappointment and problems for the market.

Fan said nobody knows for sure who's doing the buying that's driving the prices so high. "We suspect the money is from mainland China," he said. "There's a political statement there. I think that China is prepared to support Hong Kong. I think they did this in anticipation of a market correction after the handover. But the



Pro-democracy activists demonstrate this week outside the Hong Kong Convention Center where the annual IMF-World Bank meeting is held. The business pessimism that preceded Hong Kong's transfer to China has so far proven unjustified. (AP)

correction didn't happen, and thus their market just pushed the index to even higher levels. But this is only a suspicion." Nevertheless, many investors here argue that Hong Kong can withstand market turbulence better than its neighbors because its financial system is more sophisticated, with experienced regula-

tors and long-established rules that the new authorities have left unchanged. Fan also believes there is another factor — an impressive will to succeed among the people of Hong Kong.

Recently, a business magazine surveyed Hong Kong executives about their top priorities, offering

them about 20 choices that included family, jobs and hobbies. "The majority of Hong Kong executives said the most important thing was — 'how to impress my peers,'" said Fan, laughing.

"That is the frame of mind here. That's why I don't think Hong Kong will ever be the source of

any instability. Hong Kong people have this drive to excel because nobody takes care of us. The Brits didn't.

There's no social security here. There's no unemployment insurance," he said. "Of course, Hong Kong is lucky too, because China's economy is growing like crazy." (The Washington Post)

For one Mexican priest, drug kingpins aren't that bad

By MOLLY MOORE

MEXICO CITY — A Catholic priest took to the pulpit of the national Basilica of Guadalupe here last weekend to praise Mexico's most infamous drug kingpins as generous benefactors of a variety of charitable causes, who should be emulated by other Mexicans.

Declaring that some drug traffickers "do much good work," the Rev. Raul Soto Vazquez told hundreds of churchgoers that two of the country's best-known drug lords — and other traffickers he declined to name — had made substantial donations to programs to help the needy for over a decade. "Not everything these people do is bad," he added.

The attitude of Soto and other priests is often reflected in Mexican communities to which drug lords live and work. Often

communities see the traffickers not exclusively as lawbreakers, but as benefactors who build churches or make other contributions to their towns and villages.

Soto said the purpose of his sermon had been to show that "sinners also do good things." The priest noted that drug trafficker Rafael Caro Quintero, for instance, donated \$100,000 to the victims of Mexico City's disastrous 1985 earthquake. Caro Quintero is now in prison on charges related to the killing of US federal drug agent Enrique Camerona that same year.

Soto said also that Amado Carrillo Fuentes, Mexico's most powerful drug lord until his death in July, "gave deeply to do great works." "Many Mexicans should want to be as charitable and give as much help as people like Caro Quintero and the late Amado Carrillo

Fuentes," Soto reportedly said in his sermon. "Although both are a little less than commendable, their solidarity with the people stands out."

The priest's comments, delivered during a Mass Friday and repeated at a news conference Sunday, stunned and embarrassed senior Mexican church officials, who have attempted for years to fend off complaints that some clerics are less than dead-set against Mexico's drug traffickers. US officials estimate that Mexican cartels now supply as much as 70 percent of the illegal cocaine consumed in the United States.

"I have never received anything from narcotraffickers or had any relations with them," Archbishop Norberto Rivera Carrera told reporters Sunday, although he did not directly challenge Soto's statements.

In Rome, a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said



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the Holy See had no official comment, but he added: "That is not to say we agree with what is being said" about donations to the church by drug traffickers.

Debate surrounding Soto's comments became so heated over the weekend that a fracas erupted between the archbishop's aides and journalists attempting to question the prelate after a Mass on Saturday. One of the aides

reportedly hit a reporter in the head with a crosier (a bishop's staff of office) while others kicked journalists and cameramen, smashed one reporter's tape recorder, and threatened to send the media representatives to "military camps" to discipline them, according to Mexican newspaper accounts of the melee.

"They wanted to interview me about Father Raul Soto's sermon," Archbishop Rivera said at a news conference Sunday. "I said I had no knowledge of what he said or why he said it. From that point, (the journalists) started to harass me, and they received blows." Rivera did not apologize for the attacks on the journalists, noting: "The media's aggressions often are more violent than the violence — in our streets."

Soto's comments were delivered as new details of drug-related corruption unfold daily

at nearly every level of Mexican society, from the highest government offices to the nation's most prestigious business enterprises. Mexico's Roman Catholic Church, rumored for years to be receiving money from traffickers, has been the target of pointed criticism in recent months.

"What [Soto] is saying is not new," said Luis Astorga, a university professor and author who writes extensively about the social impact of the drug trade in Mexico. "What's new is that people are starting to talk."

The priest who delivered the eulogy at Carrillo Fuentes' funeral this summer at the drug lord's ranch in the northwestern state of Sinaloa is treasurer of the diocese that includes the state capital, Culiacan. He was photographed with Carrillo Fuentes as the two men toured Christian holy places in the Middle East several years ago.

One local priest said that Carrillo Fuentes, then head of the Joarez drug cartel, built a spacious, modernistic church in his impoverished hometown, paying for everything, including its furnishings and an apartment for the parish priest.

The former papaluncio to Mexico, Archbishop Geronimo Prigione, who left the post last year, outraged many church officials when he acknowledged meeting privately with several of the Arellano Felix brothers, leaders of the violent Tijuana drug cartel.

"In poor areas, priests sometimes have to choose between poverty and corruption," said journalist Maza, a priest turned journalist who now writes for the Mexican news weekly Proceso. "Secrecy in confession is one thing. It is another to become an accomplice of the drug lords." (The Washington Post)

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The tactics of power

In declaring a rolling series of strikes this week and next, the Histadrut is acting as if it can vandalize the nation's fuse box at will, one fuse at a time. With every strike, however, the Histadrut builds the case for privatization and decentralization, thereby moving more of the economy out of its deadening reach.

The so-called "new" Histadrut represents the biggest obstacle to enlightened reform of the economy. Ousted Na'amat chairwoman Ofra Friedman was right to take a stand against the protest strike, implying that the Histadrut cares more about the overpaid workers at behemoths like the Israel Electric Corporation than about the weaker sectors on whose behalf they are supposedly struggling.

The merits of this particular fight are certainly worthy of public debate and examination. The public discussion, however, tends to be dominated by the tactics of power: Who will strike, who will threaten resignation, who will call out the police. Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz has even made the hysterical charge that the government is contemplating calling out the military to replace striking workers.

Other democracies have similar conflicts and controversies, but somehow ours seem to degenerate more quickly into muscle-flexing, rather than less disruptive forms of democratic debate. Over time, more extreme measures are necessary to get the attention of the public, which becomes inured to the previous year's power plays.

The question becomes whether there is any alternative to this vicious cycle, or whether it is a fact of life that almost any change in economic priorities or attempt to eliminate waste and inefficiency will be met with economic sabotage and existential threats to the government.

In the case of the Histadrut, the major problem is that its institutional incentive is to prove its power by periodically inflicting damage on the economy, whether or not there is anything concrete to fight about. Next week's strikes are supposedly over cuts in pension plans, but if that were not an issue, it would be over any one of dozens of structural reforms proposed by the government.

Strikes have become ritualized, leaving the public unable to distinguish between simple greed, paranoia, and legitimate protests over injustice. The Histadrut has become stuck high on its escalation ladder, oblivious to the fact that the right to strike has been cheapened through overuse and, over time, is causing the Histadrut self-inflicted damage.

The government, however, is not free from blame for the situation, even though its reforms are generally on the right track. This government, like its predecessors, follows a pattern of making economic decisions as stealthily as possible, with a minimum amount of debate within the government, let alone the public at large.

Though this government considers itself to be more free-market oriented, it operates in the same imperious, top-down fashion that has characterized Israeli polity since the state's founding. A recent joint press conference with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Labor Minister Eli Yishai was a step in the right direction, but hardly represents a concerted effort to explain proposed government reforms.

Rather than preparing the political ground over weeks or months through a public campaign of speeches, hearings, interviews, etc., reforms are introduced on the model "decide first, ask questions later." The only mechanism for pre-decision public debate is the time-honored but baphazard use of press leaks.

When every decision is made as quickly, quietly, secretly, and in the narrowest forum possible, the room for suspicion and misunderstanding grows accordingly. Governments seem to think that a more open, gradual process would only give the opposition more time to organize, but two can play that game. If the government were to make a conscious effort to build public support for the major planks of its economic reforms, the Histadrut would be forced to pick its fights more selectively, rather than resisting change across the board.

Whether it is taking on the Histadrut or broader privatization and reform efforts, on the economic front the government is generally pushing for consensus measures that are clearly in the public interest. Rather than take advantage of the potential public support for such measures by playing his hand openly, Netanyahu continues the accepted pattern of ramming decisions through and then stoically hating whatever opposition comes.

This style of not explaining too much, as if explanation is a sign of weakness, does not violate Israeli political norms. The fact that something is a norm, however, does not make it particularly democratic, or in anyone's interest. On the contrary, a conscious government effort to engage in real democratic debate could thwart the automatic resort to strikes and other raw political power tactics, resulting in better policies and less strife on the road to their adoption.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GEORGIE ARAZI

Sir, - Thank you and Alex Berlyne for sharing with your readers (and letter-writers) the moving account of the life and work of a great lady, Georgie Arazi. "Georgie Arazi, editor of readers' letter, dies" (September 19).

She was "my" editor, for the Post has seen fit to publish some of my "opinions on every conceivable topic," as Alex writes. And, as he writes, quoting Pope, I have "lost a friend and a part of myself."

May her memory be blessed.
MOSHE BERLIN
Jerusalem.

DECEIVING AND MISLEADING

Sir-The media inform the public of a trial against Dubek, a producer and importer of cigarettes. Millions of shekels of compensation are demanded by the prosecution for a group of victims, sufferers from diseases caused by smoking and the children of a heavy smoker who died from lung-cancer.

There are detailed descriptions of how innocent and unsuspecting young people are enticed and seduced into smoking by irrational means such as pictures of young, beautiful, energetic people with a cigarette between fingers or lips, or unfounded statements about filters or other additions

eliminating damaging substances. This method is working on the feelings and emotions, thus avoiding and evading rational criticism.

Attention should not only be drawn to the contents of such advertisements but more importantly to the method.

Instead of applying and refining those obviously deceiving and misleading methods of influencing the public by the advertising agencies, it would be better to unmask them and invoke the law against them.

Tel Aviv.
DR. D.J. JACOBS

OPEN ARMS

Sir, - I am a little puzzled. A week or two ago Jewish families moved into the Jericho area under Palestinian Authority control and were welcomed with open arms. There was not a single protest from local Arah, Faisal Hussein or Peace Now or the prime minister or Mrs. Albright.

Last week, Jewish families moved into Jewish-owned houses

on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and there was an immediate uproar.

The government was in turmoil, the prime minister postponed his trip to Europe, the chief of police prophesied death and destruction.

Husseini was out with his rent-a-crowd, Peace Now joined their Arab brothers in demonstrating against fellow Jews, and so on.

When at last the families were ejected from their homes the first thing the prime minister did was telephone Mrs. Albright with the news.

Can anyone explain to me the difference between these two events and solve the puzzle for me?

Jerusalem.
JACK BARETTI

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On September 25, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the British Government had decided on its final Palestine policy — to withdraw completely from Palestine and to set a time limit by which the withdrawal will be completed. Mr. Creech-Jones, the Colonial Secretary, had been instructed accordingly. The Government had however emphasized that it was not prepared to implement the UN Special Committee on Palestine report advocating Partition. It insisted that this had to be done collectively by the UN.

A new ultimatum was presented by the British to the Exodus 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine forced to return to Germany. They were threatened that if they did not agree to go to France immediately, they would be given the status of ordinary German citizens and have their rations reduced accordingly.

Two blasts of the shofar were blown at the end of the Yom Kippur service at the Western Wall, and in the police baton charge which followed two youths, Moshe Neumann and Zion Mizrahi, were taken to the

government hospital. Five Jews were detained in Jerusalem following a search of the Shalom Shabazi synagogue in Jerusalem.

25 years ago: On September 25, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported a massive Soviet airlift of personnel and arms to Syria. A Soviet army team arrived in Baghdad at the invitation of the Iraqi government.

President Shazar opened the festivities marking Israel's 25th anniversary year.
Alexander Zvieli



Labor's leader

LARRY DERFNER

If you were observing Ehud Barak's performance as opposition leader and you didn't know that he was one of the best fighters the IDF ever produced, how would you guess that he got where he is today?

He must be a "son-of-a-bitch" his father must have been prime minister or something.

Otherwise it doesn't add up. The man comes across like an accountant, and accountants don't usually get to be political leaders. It pains me to watch Barak. He looks so uncomfortable. He seems to be holding himself in, worried that he'll say something wrong, keeping his hands clasped like he's afraid he'll knock over the water pitcher. And that cramped little smile of his. The guy looks constipated.

It wouldn't be fair to blame the opposition's present lethargy all on him. But the opposition has a real obstacle when its leader can't give a straight answer and has no drive.

He certainly doesn't lack for issues: Terror, the clouds of war, masses of people being thrown out of their jobs, a flat economy, national malaise — plus Netanyahu's untrusting character. But Barak can't make anything stick. His heart doesn't seem to be in it.

He's afraid to criticize Netanyahu from the Left, because then the prime minister accuses him of automatically adopting the Arab position — a rabble-rousing lie, but enough to intimidate Barak. The best he can do is claim that Netanyahu's policies are 180 degrees opposite from his own, and leave it to the listener to guess what the differences might be.

Barak's electoral strategy — to pull some of the baredim and blue-collar Sephardim away from Netanyahu — doesn't look promising, either. I don't see how he can bow and scrape to the baredim any lower than Shimon Peres did, and look where it got Peres.

As for the working-class and ex-working-class Sephardim, they appreciate a fighter. But when they listen to Barak, they forget the fighter he used to be. Who is this potato? they ask.

The opposition has a real obstacle when Barak can't give a straight answer and has no drive

Somebody must have told him that now that he's running for prime minister, he has to act prime ministerial. Composed, confident, so confident that he doesn't even have to raise his voice. This approach, too, was tried by Peres in the last election, and should not be used as a model.

WHAT frustrates me most about watching Barak is knowing that when he loosens up and gets mad, he's great. A couple of years ago, TV interviewer Nissim Mishal tried to pin him to the wall about Tze'olim-2, and Barak fought back like he was fighting for his life, shouting down Mishal's interruptions, hammering his point home. He was a champ.

When Netanyahu sent Tzahi Hanegbi to smear him as "Ehud Flea," and Barak came back saying, "I'm not worried by this puppy dog, nor by the master who pulls his leash" — ah! This was a fighter! This was a leader! The problem, though, is that Barak only manages to get worked up, to show fire in his eyes, on his own personal behalf. When a political principle is at stake, he doesn't seem terribly interested.

Which leads me to suspect that maybe he doesn't really have any serious complaints against Netanyahu. Maybe Barak doesn't fight because he doesn't see that there's all that much to fight about.

I've always thought the comparison made so often between Netanyahu and Bill Clinton was superficial and fundamentally wrong.

What worries me is that a useful comparison might be made between Barak and Clinton's forgotten opponent, Bob Dole; neither have a distinct alternative in mind, and each decided to run for the highest office in his country basically because it's there. Like Dole, since Barak doesn't offer a new way, he can't mobilize people who are discontented with the way things are. In Israel, at least, there are legions of such people.

This may be the real story on Ehud Barak. If it is, then we are in for a long, stalling time of it as Netanyahu leads us, unopposed, to wherever it is we're going.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist.

Presidential agenda

Dear President Weizman, As you prepare for your first presidential visit to Washington, you will surely place on the agenda the cruel injustice inflicted on a fellow Jew, Jonathan Pollard. A US naval intelligence officer, Pollard supplied Israel with vital information about Arab preparations for war. He also fulfilled requests by his handlers for specific secret data.

Pollard was arrested. The Israeli government led by Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin and Yitzhak Shamir, contrary to world-wide traditional norms of loyalty to agents, betrayed him. They returned the documents he supplied, thus giving the US proof of his spying. Ariel Sharon's voice was the only one to protest: "You're condemning him to prison for life," he argued. Shamir responded: "A country needs to know how to sacrifice a person."

At his trial, despite a plea-bargain arrangement in return for a short prison term, Judge Aubrey Robinson, influenced by an inflammatory letter from then-defense secretary Caspar Weinberger falsely accusing Pollard of the most serious of crimes, gave him a life sentence.

"Friendly power" spies nabbed in the US got more than five years — and have always been released earlier. Yet Pollard now faces his thirteenth year in jail.

American Jews, fearful of the "dual loyalty" charge, have with rare exception been muted. Rabin was the only prime minister to protest, as you Mr. Weizman know well. You encouraged Rabin in 1994 to write to President Clinton asking him to release Pollard, as promised by the US, after 10 years in jail. You asked Peres to complete the second letter Rabin was working on before his assassination.

To strengthen your hand Mr. President, let us relate how assistant US attorney general Charles Leeper, an hour before Pollard's judgment, produced the pale figure of his ailing first wife Anne. Her clothes were stained with hemorrhaging blood. Her weight was down from 46 kilos to 30 kg. "Plead guilty, or she goes to

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

prison — where there are no doctors," Pollard was told.

"Guilty" said the shaken Pollard. Although never charged, Anne was in prison for a year.

A SIMILAR brutal act of blackmail, which mocks the word "justice," was employed in 1953 when the US judicial authorities accused Julian Rosenberg of sending US atomic secrets to

Tell Clinton, president, as only you can: 'Jonathan Pollard has been punished long enough'

Moscow. Although threatened with death if he did not confess, he remained mute.

The "impartial" judge went further. After consulting the Justice Department he sentenced both Julian and his wife Ethel to death. After all, like the Pollards, they were only expendable Jews.

"You can still save your wife by confessing," said the judge. Rosenberg knew the trial was a set-up. He and his wife were doomed anyway. He refused to plead guilty. Both went to the electric chair on June 19, 1953 despite pleas of clemency to president Eisenhower.

At the time, the FBI, the White House and Justice Department knew that the trial was a set-up. Now thanks to intelligence expert, Phillip Knightley, writing in the London Sunday Times, the truth about the Rosenbergs has emerged. The couple were small-fry, low-level couriers. He was told by a notorious double agent, Englishman Kim Philby, who had penetrated the top level of British and US intelligence on behalf of his KGB masters that the Rosenbergs "were absolutely separate from the networks gath-

ering atomic secrets."

Philby, then working in Washington, had discovered that the FBI was closing in on a KGB nest of spies that had penetrated the US's ultra-secret Los Alamos nuclear plant where the Hiroshima bomb was assembled. Philby promptly warned the KGB. He was ordered to tip off ace Soviet spies, like Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess and the Krogers (real names Morris and Lona Cohen who later penetrated British naval headquarters). All fled in time.

"Why were the Rosenbergs not warned?" Knightley asked Philby. "They were expendable," he was told. Being minor figures neither he nor the KGB dreamt that they would be executed if caught.

Clearly conscience-stricken, Philby declared before his death: "I made mistakes...and I paid for them." Comments Knightley: "I think he was talking about the Rosenbergs."

True, Pollard did not face the electric chair. Yet he's destined to die a forgotten, ailing man in his prison cell. For he was also "set up." This time by a senior CIA operative, Aldridge Ames, a KGB mole. He fingered Pollard as the culprit to camouflage his own treacherous role which resulted in the deaths of CIA agents in the Soviet Union.

It is written in the good book: "Where there are no men — be a man."

Mr. Weizman, we appeal to you. You are renowned for straight talking. Your reputation will carry great weight and authority when you meet Clinton. Tell him, president to president, as only you can: "Jonathan Pollard has been punished long enough. He's no danger to anybody. Let me bring him back to Israel in my plane. After all, fair is fair. We were promised that he would be freed after 10 years."

To once again quote from the sages: "He who saves one life" — in this instance the life of a man who set out to help the Israel he loved — "saves the whole world."

The writers are Jerusalem Post columnists.

Falsely raised hopes

Maybe Holocaust survivors would be better off if the issue of World War II-era Jewish property in Europe had never been raised. As decisions are made about where the money will go, the potential for disappointment may be too much for this fragile population to bear.

More than five decades have not erased the effects of the Holocaust on its survivors. Even many of those who successfully built new lives and families have found that the horrors of the past simply refuse to lie dormant. Terrifying memories can intrude at any time, awakened by life's daily challenges: coping with children, losing a job, aging, the death of a loved one. Even the mundane act of reading newspaper reports — from articles about Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorations to accounts of terrorist attacks or neo-Nazi activities — can bring back the decades-old trauma.

The recent revelations about Jewish property in Europe also stirred up old demons. But at least this time they were accompanied by hope and expectation. With investigations underway in many Western European countries, it is not unreasonable to project that millions of dollars will be available to the Jewish community within the next five to 10 years. That could mean plentiful funding for the psychological and social programs that would help survivors find emotional peace in their final years. That could mean

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money available for the services that elderly survivors require: home care, medical assistance, old age homes and the like.

But for these hopes to become reality, the community must realize that the survivors come first.

It is certainly important to memorialize the dead. But Holocaust survivors must head the Jewish world's priority list

Before a single dollar is allocated for Jewish education, even for Holocaust education. Before a single Holocaust memorial is planned.

No one would argue that the survivors are not deserving. But the decision-makers may be swayed by the misconception that this population is dying out. And that simply is not true. There are currently some 900,000 survivors worldwide.

In Israel, where there is the highest concentration of 360,000, one out of every three survivors was a child during the Holocaust. These child survivors and their counterparts around the world will need special services — relating to both

their physical and mental health — for at least another 20 years.

Right now in Israel, counseling, therapy and social activities are available to survivors through AMCHA, Israel's organization for psycho-social service to survivors. But the 10-year-old organization, originally established by survivors as a grassroots, self-help movement, has been forced to restrain its publicity and limit the number of clients it accepts for lack of funding.

The sad paradox is that as the issue of Jewish money awakens more need for assistance, there is currently no more money for helping Holocaust survivors in Israel than there has ever been. Yes, a new Swiss fund is immediately available, earmarked for aiding needy survivors in Europe. But who will fund aid for the 50,000 equally needy survivors who arrived in Israel with the aliyah from Russia?

It is certainly important to memorialize the dead. It is crucial to keep the lessons of the Holocaust always alive through education. But Holocaust survivors must head the Jewish world's priority list as soon as the European funds are available. The world already turned its back on them more than 50 years ago. They must never be abandoned again.

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Kerouac's inner struggles

Shaggy-dog stories

SOME OF THE DHARMA by Jack Kerouac. New York, Viking, 420 pp. \$32.95.

By David L. Ulin

When Jack Kerouac died on October 21, 1969, he left behind a number of manuscripts in various stages of completion for his third wife and literary executor, Stella Sampas Kerouac, to deal with as she saw fit.

For more than 20 years, Stella sifted most attempts to have these materials published, with the exception of the novels *Pic* and *Visions of Cody*, and a couple of small-press editions of her husband's poems.

To this day, the reason for her reticence remains a mystery; some critics have suggested that it had to do with control over the estate, which was vigorously contested by her stepdaughter, Jan, while others believe her intentions were more personal — to shield Kerouac's memory from the kind of attention that she felt had contributed to his dissolution in life.

Either way, it wasn't until after Stella's own death, in 1990, that the bulk of Kerouac's previously unavailable writings began to appear.

These include such major works as *Selected Letters, 1940-1956* and *Book of Blues*, a collection of Kerouac's "blues" poetry, as well as several more idiosyncratic efforts, like the prose poem "Old Angel Midnight," written in 1956 but never issued in book form until 1993.

The most recent Kerouac title to receive posthumous publication is *Some of the Dharma*, which, like *Old Angel Midnight* and pieces of *Book of Blues*, has been a legendary — if unseen — part of the author's oeuvre for many years. Written primarily during 1954 and 1955, it represents his attempt to distill the essence of his study of Buddhism, which began in earnest in late 1953.

According to an introduction by David Stanford, the editor who shepherded *Some of the Dharma* into print, the book was originally intended to be "a set of reading notes, but as the months passed, it evolved into a vast and complex all-encompassing work of non-fiction into which (Kerouac) poured his life, chronicling his thinking, incorporating reading notes, prayers, poems, blues poems, haiku, meditations, letters, conversations, journal entries, stories and more."

Kerouac, for his part, explains the project in his own ecstatic terms: "Bear with me, wise readers, in that I've chosen no form for the Book of Mind/Because everything has no form, and when you've finished reading this book you will have had a glimpse of everything, presented in the way that everything comes in piecemeal bombardments, continuously, rat tat tatting the pure pictureless/liquid of Mind essence."

Like much of Kerouac's conceptual writing, *Some of the Dharma* can be hard going, both disconnected and focused; repetitive and profound. The early pages, especially, are somewhat daunting, reading like a student's notebook, with lists of books to consider, long quotes on Buddhist theory and practice and reminders about the illusory nature of the physical world. What's interesting is the seriousness with

which Kerouac approaches his studies; although his detractors deride him as lazy and self-indulgent, *Some of the Dharma* reveals an active, intelligent, questioning mind.

At one point, he vividly pinpoints the difference between Christianity and Buddhism — "Christianity, a THEODICY, religion/about God/Buddhism, a COSMODICY, a religion/about the universe" — and later, he explicates the etymology of nirvana: "Sanskrit nir, out/vana, blown. — literally nothingness, annihilation." Such moments of precision are reminiscent of "The Scripture of the Golden Eternity," another of Kerouac's Buddhist texts, which, he once recalled, he wrote "in pencil, carefully revised and everything, because it was a scripture. I had no right to be spontaneous."

For all Kerouac's rigorous scholarship, *Some of the Dharma* is no mere intellectual exercise, but the product of an emotional motivation — the author's overwhelming sadness at the transitory quality of life. The issue is hardly unique to these investigations; in some ways, it drives Kerouac's entire body of work. Buddhism, however, provided a theoretical framework for solace that surpassed anything he'd encountered before. "Buddha goes beyond Christ," he writes, "for I have had a vision of the anxieties of Heaven in Mexico City Benzadrine/Visions Dec 1952 and I don't (sic) want to go there."

Instead, Kerouac sought salvation in annihilation, by spiritual or secular means. As he suggests, "I hope not to be reborn because I don't want it overly and am begun on the effort to blow my self out like a candle," a comment that sheds startling light on his alcoholism, the way "I drink to destroy myself." In such terms, even reincarnation is about disintegration: "What suffers rebirth is not the individual, but the pain of individuality — Aggregates of individual personality which make 'I' suffer now, will disappear with the 'I' at death." It's a peculiar consolation, although consistent with his belief that "life is a curse, not worth living, and the sooner over the better, easy or hard." The only thing is, you have to let go.

The irony of *Some of the Dharma* is that Kerouac never was able to do that, to shed his attachments to the shadows of this world. In a revealing aside, he admits that "I have both snaky tendence and Christian trustfulness in me," and this tension asserts itself as he moves beyond rephrasing Buddhist precepts and begins interpreting them within his own life.

As *Some of the Dharma* progresses, in a fact, it becomes less a book about Buddhism than a series of internal snapshots, incorporating concerns about career, notes on relationships, and discussions of family to portray the contradictions Kerouac could not resolve. Again and again here, he makes a statement — about drinking, say, or the futility of literary aspirations — only to turn around a page or two later and take the opposing point of view. Were this a more formal piece of writing, such shifts of logic would undermine its authority, but what makes *Some of the Dharma* so compelling is that it can encompass these reappraisals; its fragmentary structure, including countless dated



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entries, has the feel of a journal, more fluid than fixed. In that sense, this is not only Kerouac's most intimate effort, but among his most vibrant, recording the pattern of his thoughts in a way that, even 40 years later, brings them powerfully, incontrovertibly to life. It's telling that the most moving aspects of *Some of the Dharma* are these interior moments, for in Buddhist cosmology, they are only deceptions of what Kerouac calls his "discriminating mind." Although his inability to escape their influence might be a failure in terms of nirvana, it is the very thing that makes this book so good. After all, whether or not creation is "a miraculous apparition/And like all miracles irrelevant," it is the only apparition we can know. And by evoking Kerouac's inner struggles, *Some of the Dharma* achieves the "enlightening insight" he believes to be the writer's "Plot & Purpose... NOTHING WILL BE CONCEALED IN THE END."

(Newsday)

LIVES OF THE MONSTER DOGS: A NOVEL by Kirsten Bakis. New York, Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 290pp. \$23.

By Mark Shechner

They cruise Manhattan in limos and dress as if they had just stepped out of a Hapsburg drawing room: the men in their blue military outfits and the women in bustles, ruffles, and parasols. They have names like Ludwig and Luitpold and Berthold and speak among themselves in a musty German. They are spiffy and aloof and as floss as royalty, and they are dogs: Great Danes, German Shepherds, and Doberman Pinschers, fitted out with prehensile hands and opposable thumbs and voice boxes that translate their howls and yips into speech.

With the exception of Cleo Pira, a Ph.D. student in history who had once been an intimate of the dogs and is now — now being the year 2017 — telling us their tragic story, all the major figures in Kirsten Bakis's impressive first novel, *Lives of the Monster Dogs*, have long muzzles and bushy tails. Is this a parody of multiculturalism, reprocessed as multi-speciesism? Is it a *Frankenstein* for the 21st century or a rewriting of Czech author Karel Capek's *The War With the Newts*, his fable of the rise of Fascism? Could it be a send-up of the animal rights movement or of Wagnerian opera: a twilight to end all twilight? *Die Hundsdämmerung?* Bakis's novel, an effervescent, free-wheeling fantasia, would appear to be all of the above, with dashes of agit prop drama, gaseous Germanic philosophy, creation myth, and checkbook journalism tossed into the goulash. The result is offhily captivating and dead-pan hilarious.

Rather than build a bridge to the 21st century, Kirsten Bakis just parachutes into the first decade, the year 2008, when the monster dogs first appear in New York, and stays on through 2010, when their performance reaches a fiery finale.

The dogs, some 150 strong, just show up one day on chartered planes, sporting enough cash to commandeer floors of the Plaza Hotel, hire drivers and domestics, and gain the adoration of the New York beau monde. Among humans, however, only Cleo Pira is granted intimacy, and that is because of her resemblance to the sainted mother of their mad scientist creator, Augustus Rank. Since Cleo's sponsor in this canine circle is their melancholy historian, Ludwig von Sacher, who is reconstructing their history in order to learn their earthly purpose, we get to look over Ludwig's shoulder at his journal and at the diary of Augustus Rank, which Ludwig has managed to get his grafted hands on. Rank had enlisted his scientific knowledge in the service of Crown Prince Wilhelm of Prussia toward the end of the 19th century, offering to create for him a flying squad of dog soldiers, as intelligent as humans and capable of handling weapons, but "fierce, numerous,

and disposable... capable of remorseless killing and of loyalty stronger than their instinct for self-preservation." When the project proved formidable and the prince soured on it, Rank fled with a few loyal scientists and their families to the Canadian wilderness and set up the secret community of Rankstadt, a place out of time and off the maps.

Augustus Rank's story is sheer romantic tragedy: rivalry with a half-brother for the love of a woman, the brother's murder, and Rank's descent into remorse, cocaine, and sinister science. His diary is ponderous, tortured, and seized by visions. "The world is made of a certain hard, dense, spiritual material which is visible to the enlightened. When I drew the knife across my brother's throat, I saw that there was a groove in the material just there, running laterally across his neck, and my hand slid through it." Only after his death of a cocaine overdose do younger scientists perfect the dog soldier, which is indeed a fighting machine, though defective in loyalty. The dogs rise up against their human masters and destroy them, under the leadership of a runt and outcast named "Mops" Hacker, in a revolution that will be celebrated in New York in an opera composed by two other dogs: Heinrich Kohlhaus and Burkardt Weil. The libretto, Brecht for revolutionism, Wagner for crisis and deceptions, is sublimely silly after the manner of Wagner himself, overwrought to the point of farce. It is a requiem for the Überhund, who gets his comeuppance in the end, but not before uttering lines that no human lead tenor has ever sung:

*What's this? I am filled with strength
 As if another's spirit had entered me.
 I feel as if I could easily crush
 My master's head between my jaws.
 Oh, blissful dream of strength, how often
 it has come to me.*

Yet when I wake it is gone.
 Bakis is inspired in these parodies, which she invents with evident glee. Mops himself kept a diary in which he revealed his soul, or his oversoul, in pithy, Zarathustrian aphorisms.

It is all so over-the-top, but over-the-topness is Bakis's strong suit in the dalmanian diaries, the pitiful journals, the spangled operas; in describing the building and burning of Castle "Nenhundstein" in the West Village or the fatal disease that dooms all of neo-dogery. She puts marvelous verses in the mouth of a dying Ludwig, who declares at the end his love for Cleo. "Oh, Cleo, I love you! I love you! Cleo — Why do you not love me? Is it because I'm a dog?" The book has no plot to speak of, but about half way through, the reader just stops looking for one and settles in with the extravaganza.

This is the way, one thinks, new talent should make its debut: in exuberant, reckless, and intelligent play, and if *Lives of the Monster Dogs* is finally as sloppily caulked and loosely assembled as Augustus Rank's monster dogs, that is because it too is a baggy monster and in need of a little elbow room.

THE JEWISH YEAR BOOK 1997, 5757-5758 edited by Stephen W. Massil, London, Vallentine Mitchell and The Jewish Chronicle, 365 pp. Price not stated.

Annual report

By Haim Chertok

For over a century it has provided a timely, reliable, if establishment compendium of the annual state of British Jewry as well as an update on Jewish communities worldwide. All right, how went matters Jewish in the British year that was? If all depends, of course, upon which end of the elephant you touch.

From Martin Aaron (M.B.A., F.S.C.A., M.I., Mgt., F.R.S.A., Chairman of the British Assoc. for the Mentally III) to Sir Bernard Philip Zisman (Chairman, Birmingham Hebrew Cong.), "Who's Who," by far the longest scion of this almanac, is full of titles, honors, awards, and distinguished achievement. If perhaps not

as spectacularly as their American cousins, British Jews seem to have penetrated into nearly every respectable niche of their host country. ("Who's Who" passes notable Jewish miscreants in silence.) If, however, we turn to the Preface, after a double take over the quirky datum that the new "President of the US" is one Elkan Levy (watch out Bill, here we come), we note that there are items about recently consummated or prospective synagogue mergers in Manchester, Birmingham, Dublin, and London (West End Great with Western Marble Arch, Settlement with South West Essex Reform), and that Orthodox "ministers" boycotted the funeral of Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a widely respected leader of the Reform community.

In short, while the Jewish community

continues to squabble and shrink, British Jews continue to do good, well, and great. A complicity is the inclusion of non-Brits among the Who-oo-hoo. Obviously, the line must be drawn somehow, somewhere. Among those who make the cut are Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, Saul Bellow, and Herman Woik. Among those excluded? Cynthia Ozick, Philip Roth, Mordecai Richler, and Susan Sontag. Go figure.

Following some homdrum essays about Brits and Zionism and British Jewish Artists, the *Year Book* contains a useful listing of Jewish organizations; their aims, activities, and locations. Functioning since 1988, for example, is the Working Party on Jewish Archives in the UK and Ireland. Its purpose is to carry out a comprehensive survey of

Jewish archive material in the UK. Anyone interested? Contact Dr. Tony Kushner care of the History Dept. at the University of Southampton. The Jewish Deaf Association? That's at 90 Cazenove Road, London. Naturally, synagogues of every stripe and hue throughout the UK get listed.

The most fascinating section for the casual browser is surely Other Countries. There are an estimated 65,000 Jews in Moldova and 25 in Burma. Can two families really still remain in Karachi? I suppose so. Portugal claims only 400 of us, but the *Year Book* skips all mention of the recently judaizing crypto-Jews of Belmonte. And yes, 15 more of us may be found on the Isle of Malta? The current estimate of the world's Jewish population — 14,350,000. In 1939 it had been just under 17,000,000.

We all hope 5758/1998 turns out to be a better year for the Jews. In a year or so, we all know where to turn statistically in order to find out.

BOOK BYTES

A hundred years ago a "third-rate" writer who, nevertheless was convinced of his future recognition, made a pact with the Devil. Under the terms of the deal, Enoch Soames would be allowed to return to the British Library Reading Room on June 3, 1997, to look himself up in encyclopedias and books where he would discover his place in posterity. "Enoch Soames" is, in fact, a short story written by Max Beerbohm in his 1919 masterpiece *Seven Men*. But the *British Library* did not let June 3 go by without turning fiction into fact. "We are giving Enoch Soames something to feel good about," said antiquarian bookseller Edward Maggs. The event honoring Soames included a series of spoof lectures and seminars on diverse topics such as "The Influence of Soames' Writings in Maoist China" and "Soames and the New Woman, a Post-Feminist Analysis." Soames, by the way, had an earlier reincarnation in 1989, when book collector Mark Lasner faked a book of the nonexistent author and duped several American university libraries into buying it. Poor Soames has the last word as the Devil is taking him away in the original story: "Ty to make them know that I did exist."

THE TRAGIC death of American big band leader Glenn Miller in a 1944 air crash over the English Channel was a wartime cover-up. In his new book, *Classified Matters*, German journalist Udo Ulfkotte reveals that the popular 40-year-old musician died of a heart attack in the arms of a prostitute in a Paris brothel. To hide the truth the Americans faked the crash of Miller's single-engine Norseman aircraft. British diver Clive Ward found the downed plane six miles off the French coast in 1985. Mysteriously, he found no registration number on the plane and no

signs of human remains. Ulfkotte stumbled on the Miller file in Washington while researching his book. He says that the cover-up was typical of the "disinformation" in the war period, and was designed to protect the morale of Allied troops.

THE HISTORY of Slovakia and the Slovaks, written by Milan Durica for the Slovakian Education Ministry, touched off a strong protest from Slovakia's Jewish community. The book was condemned as an attempt to "rehabilitate Slovakian Fascism," according to a recent article in Britain's *Jewish Chronicle*. In its account of the Holocaust period, the book says that the government of the day "decided to solve the Jewish question in accordance with Christian moral principles." In reality, Slovakia's Nazi puppet regime, paid Hitler's Germany 500 Reichmarks for each Jew deported to Poland. Only 10,000 Slovakian Jews from a pre-war population of 90,000 survived the war. The European Union, which helped finance the book, has lent its support to Jewish objections. Slovakian Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar conceded, "Some parts of the book are inaccurate or historically incorrect," and has promised to withdraw the textbook.

DAVID DAICHES'S mini-classic *Two Worlds: An Edinburgh Jewish Childhood*, which first appeared in 1954, has been reissued by Canongate in Edinburgh. *Two Worlds* is a lovingly sketched picture of Scottish Jewish life between the World Wars. The author's father, Rabbi Salis Daiches, presided over "the Jerusalem of the north" for 26 years as the uncrowned chief rabbi of Scotland. In his heyday Edinburgh had 1,000 Jewish families; today there are fewer than 200.

David Brunner

HARDCOVER Fiction

1. **Gold Mountain** by Charles Frazier. (Scribner \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love.
2. **The Best Laid Plans** by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow \$25.) The relationship between a powerful hungry governor and a woman determined to wreak revenge.
3. **Unnatural Exposure** by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta contends with a killer who uses a smallpox-like virus and cybersex.
4. **The Angel of Darkness** by Caleb Carr. (Random House \$25.95.) Dr. Kreszler pursues the kidnapper of a Spanish diplomat's child in 1887 Manhattan.
5. **The Notebook** by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.
6. **Special Delivery** by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$18.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple.
7. **The God of Small Things** by Arundhati Roy. (Random House \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.
8. **Plum Island** by Nelson DeMille. (Warner \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.
9. **London** by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown \$23.95.) Two thousand years of life in Britain's capital as seen through the eyes of six families.
10. **Déjà Dead** by Kathy Reichs. (Scribner \$24.) Dr. Temperance Brennan hunts a serial killer at large in Montreal.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. **Angela's Ashes** by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
2. **The Man Who Listens to Horses** by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer.
3. **The Perfect Storm** by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.
4. **Babyhood** by Paul Reiser. (Weitsch, Morrow, \$22.) The problems and pleasures of parenthood as perceived by the television star.
5. **Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil** by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
6. **Into Thin Air** by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
7. **Conversations with God: Book 1** by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
8. **The Gift of Fear** by Gavin de Becker. (Little Brown \$22.95.) Intuitive signals that can protect us from becoming victims of violence.
9. **Even the Stars Look Lonesome** by Maya Angelou. (Random House \$18.) Twenty essays on a variety of topics.
10. **The Millionaire Next Door** by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.

PAPERBACK Fiction

1. **Cause of Death** by Patricia Cornwell. (Bantam \$7.50.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta investigates the mysterious death of a reporter.
2. **Silent Honor** by Danielle Steel. (Dell \$7.50.) The attack on Pearl Harbor had tragic consequences for Japanese-American families.
3. **Laws of Our Fathers** by Scott Turow. (Warner \$7.99.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 1960s.
4. **Silent Witness** by Richard North Patterson. (Bantam \$7.99.) Two murder cases change the lives of men and women who grew up in a Midwestern town.
5. **Executive Orders** by Tom Clancy. (Bantam \$7.50.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the president and most of the government.
6. **The Offer** by Catherine Coulter. (Pocket \$6.95.) The complex romantic relationship of a couple in 19th-century England.
7. **Remember When** by Judith McLaugha. (Pocket \$7.50.) A Dallas divorcee and a Houston heiress find solutions to their personal problems when they meet at a Texas-style gala.
8. **Icon** by Frederick Forsyth. (Bantam \$6.99.) A former CIA agent returns to Russia to prevent it from becoming another Nazi Germany.
9. **Dark Paradise** by Tami Hoag. (Bantam \$6.99.) A woman vacationing in Montana becomes the target of a stalker.
10. **Legend** by Julie Devereaux. (Pocket \$6.99.) A bride-to-be in modern-day Virginia suddenly finds herself in 19th-century Colorado.

PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. **Diana: Her True Story** by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The first 30 years of the Princess of Wales.
2. **Diana: Her New Life** by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The career of the Princess of Wales following the end of her marriage.
3. **The Color of Water** by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
4. **The Heart of a Woman** by Maya Angelou. (Bantam \$12.) Volume 4 of the poet's autobiography.
5. **A Civil Action** by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Homeowners sue industrial polluters.
6. **Undeunted Courage** by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/SAS \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
7. **Into the Wild** by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man obsessed by the wilderness has a tragic end in Alaska.
8. **Revising Ophelia** by Mary Pipher. (Ballantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.
9. **Spontaneous Healing** by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.
10. **Hanson** by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The story of the pop-rock group composed of three young brothers.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff** by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
2. **Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul** compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
3. **Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution** by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
4. **Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul** compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Reed Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

1. **Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus** by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
2. **The Excel Phenomenon** by James W. Robinson. (Prima \$20.) Strategies of network marketing and of Excel Communications.
3. **Simple Abundance** by Sarah Ben Bratnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.
4. **The Zone** by Barry Sears with Dr. Lawrence. (Regan Books/HarperCollins \$23.) Diets to prevent disease and improve mental health.

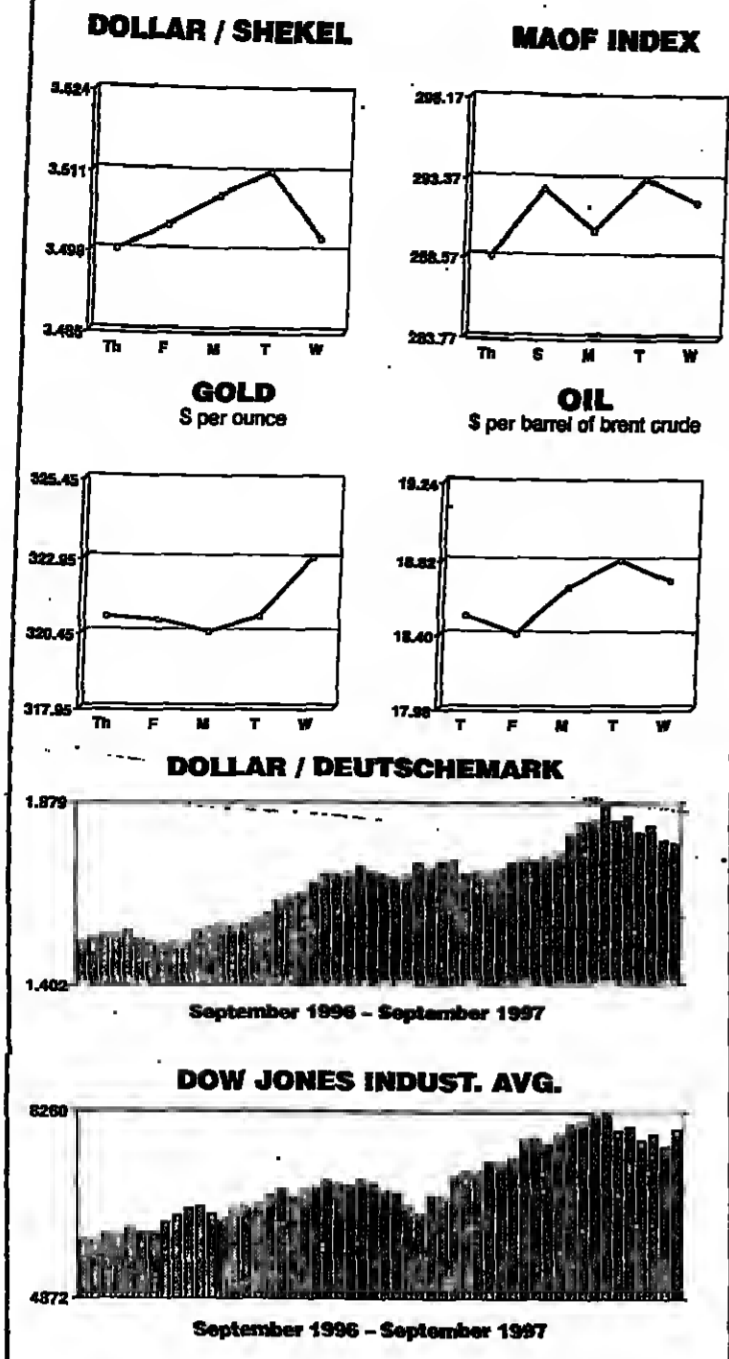
STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

1. Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood. Bantam, Virago.	6. Little Brother by David Mason. Corgi.
2. Silent Honor by Danielle Steel. Dell, Corgi.	7. Critical Judgment by Michael Palmer. Bantam.
3. To the Hill by Dick Francis. Pan, Jove.	8. Branded Man by Catherine Cookson. Corgi.
4. Mallin's Movie and Video Guide 1998 by Leonard Mallin. Signet.	9. Cause of Death by Patricia Cornwell. Bantam, Warner.
5. Charity by Len Deighton. HarperCollins.	10. Danger Zones by Sally Beauman. Bantam.

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

MARKETS

in brief



Industrial production rises 8% in June-July

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Industrial production, excluding diamonds, increased by eight percent in annual terms in June and July, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

The increase in industrial growth has been continuing at this pace since April, after only a 4% growth rate in the first quarter.

The latest growth figure is also much higher than the 3% reported for the second-half of last year, which also shrank to 2% between October and December. The latest figures also point to an rise in hours worked during June and July of 2% in annual terms.

In April and June the work hour figure rose by 1%, after it had fallen 1.5% in the first quarter.

"The economic forecast for the State of Israel is promising," Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman

said yesterday, addressing the annual International Monetary Fund gathering in Hong Kong.

"We will continue to pave the way towards a future of stability, sustainable economic growth, adhere to the target of reducing the budget deficit, reducing the rate of inflation, and prosperity," he added.

While speaking in an upbeat fashion about the economy, Neeman did admit to the current economic slowdown, the balance of payments deficit and the budget deficit.

"It is not easy to implement a restrictive policy during a time of slower economic growth," said Neeman. "The fear of further slowdown, combined with rising unemployment, increases the pressure to abandon restrictive fiscal policy. However, we are aware that there are times when we must exercise policy restraint in the short term in order to benefit the long term."

Neeman urges businessmen to pursue links in Southeast Asia

HONG KONG - Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday urged businessmen in Asia to pursue business links with Malaysia and Indonesia, suggesting the absence of diplomatic relations shouldn't get in the way.

Neeman pointed to Israel's long-standing backdoor trade with China, which didn't offer diplomatic recognition until 1992, and said Israeli businessmen should cultivate commercial ties with the populous Moslem nations.

He acknowledged that smooth business relations were subject to the ebb and flow of political tensions with Israel's Arab neighbors.

"Do not mix business with politics, especially not in Malaysia," said Neeman, taking time out to address the Hong Kong Israel Chamber of Commerce while in town for the meetings of the

IMF SUMMIT

World Bank and International Monetary Fund. "It takes patience."

Israel has been quietly nursing along trade with Indonesia and Malaysia, which continue to support the Arab boycott.

The late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made a secret trip to Indonesia months before he was shot at a Tel Aviv peace rally. Rabin was also trying to set up a meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Israeli passport holders are officially banned from entering both countries, but are allowed in with special permits. Some Israelis with dual citizenship use their second passports.

Neeman said there are many precedents for Israeli companies doing business quietly and paving the way for diplomatic relations. The late billionaire Shaul

As textile industry shrinks, Tefron raises \$89m. on NYSE

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and DAN GERSTENFELD

While the textile industry expects its workforce to shrink by yet another 12% by the end of the year, Tefron Ltd., a Bnei Brak intimate apparel manufacturer, raised \$89.3 million on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

The sale of 5.25 million shares at \$17 per share was the largest Israeli IPO abroad in 1997.

The company expected to sell 5 million shares at \$14 to \$16.

During early trade yesterday, a day after the funds were raised, Tefron surged 21%, to \$20.86 making it one of the strongest stocks on the NYSE.

The success of the IPO indicates that despite the difficulties facing Israeli textile companies, people will still pay attention to those companies that employ the right strategy, analysts said.

"The word is investor appetite," said Jonathan Half, manager of the Tel Aviv office of Oscar Gruss.

"I think that it's just proof that if you have a good company with recognized clients and an edge over its competition in terms of manufacturing textiles, then people will be interested," he said.

Tefron's customers include such clothing chains as Victoria's Secret, the Banana Republic, Calvin Klein and the Gap. The company's product line includes knitted briefs, tank tops, lounge wear and nightwear primarily for women.

Credit Suisse First Boston, Salomon Brothers Inc. and Hampshire Securities Corporation managed the underwriting syndicate which raised \$52.6m. for the company.

Selling shareholders - including Macpell Industries, PEC Israel Economic Corp. and Discount Investments - will receive \$30.3 million for after fees. Before the offering

Macpell held 51% and PEC along with smaller specialist enterprises, like Standard Textile, whose surgical gowns are considered medical devices, will survive.

The medium sized companies will either have to merge or face closure, Rotlevi said.

In order to increase their competitive edge, about 12 companies have moved part of their operations to Jordan, four have moved to Egypt and a handful have moved or are considering moving factories into Palestinian-run areas.

In Israel the minimum wage is about \$1,000 per month, compared to \$150 in Jordan, \$80 in Egypt and \$500 in the PA.

"Because of the exposure [to imports] and the wage laws, it makes it more feasible to go abroad," Rotlevi said.

In 1996 Israeli textile sales dropped to \$2.94 billion, a 4.7% drop compared to the previous year.

Fifty-two percent of Israeli textile exports are sold in Europe and 39% are sold in the US.

Fishman, Bar-On buy 12.5% of 'Yediot'

Globes Business News

Eliezer Fishman and Haim Bar-On yesterday announced they had acquired the shares of the Zina company, which holds 12.5% of the Yediot Aharonot Co., from the Ze'ev Mozes family.

The Zina group includes Yediot Aharonot - the country's largest daily newspaper - as well as economic holdings.

In addition, the two have made an offer for another 12.3% of the family's shares in Yediot Aharonot.

The purchase offer will be valid for 60 days.

Ze'ev Mozes said that, after expanding the Yediot Aharonot board of directors and giving the matter much consideration, he decided to sell his holdings "so as to put an end to the struggles within the group, and create a quiet atmosphere that will enable Yediot Aharonot to succeed and prosper."

"The Fishman/Bar-On group will create the possibility to manage the company in a purposeful, businesslike, and victorious fashion," he said.

The price of the transaction was not disclosed. Two years ago, economist Avi Hefetz published a valuation placing the worth of the group at \$449m-\$461m.

Dan Avi-Yitzhak, the lawyer for group shareholders Tami Mozes-Borovitz and Oded Mozes, claimed that "none of the group shareholders will sell shares in the newspaper at a value of less than \$600 million."

Sources close to the transaction said the amount paid by Fishman and Bar-On is in the range of Avi

Yitzhak's evaluation of the shares they purchased.

The acquisition was made through a separate company formed by the two men especially for the transaction.

Yediot Aharonot shares are divided among Oded Mozes (25%), Dov Yudkovsky (8%), and Miriam Nofech-Mozes (11%).

Thirty-one percent of the shares are held by Amnon Mozes and his sisters, Judy Shalom Nir-Mozes and Tami Mozes-Borovitz.

According to the will of Noah

Mozes, the late patriarch who built and led the Yediot publishing group, his son Amnon holds power of attorney to vote on behalf of his sisters and holds the shares in trust.

In an announcement Borovitz-Mozes claimed that her brother, who served as the newspaper's chief business manager, violated the power of attorney.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv District Court yesterday issued a temporary injunction, forbidding Amnon Mozes to join the group bidding for the third cellular telephone operator.

Sharon proposes new rail co.

By DAVID HARRIS

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday delivered to the government a proposal for the creation of a new railway company that would be responsible for operating all rail infrastructure operations.

The company, to be called The Railways Company Limited, would offer passenger and freight services, replacing the existing Ports and Railways Authority.

The establishment of this company would be a part of the cabinet's overall plan to separate the state's rail and maritime interests ahead of privatization.

Once the split takes place, the new company would take delivery of the authority's rolling stock and other rail equipment.

The company would also become responsible for maintaining and improving the country's rail infrastructure.

The proposal, which ministers will discuss in the coming weeks, is the result of intense negotiations between the National Infrastructure Ministry and the Government Companies Authority.

This development comes as Israel Railways' Director General Amos Uzani continues to press the government to hud-



Sharon: Wants to encourage private investors. (Israel Sun)



Uzani: Wants more funding to complete expansion plans.

get an annual NIS 500 million over the next five years to enable the authority to complete its medium-term upgrading and expansion plans.

Uzani's proposals include plans for electrified double-decker trains, a greater number of trains and services and the building of joint rail - light rail stations in Tel Aviv.

Two weeks ago, Sharon published a memorandum of intention to introduce legislation, which would overhaul the country's entire thinking about the

railways.

The key aim is to encourage private investors into the rail industry by empowering the National Infrastructure Minister to be the sole grantor or licensee to operate rail services.

The current regulations give the state-controlled Ports and Railways Authority exclusivity to run trains and operate the rail network's infrastructure.

The new legal proposals were drawn up by a joint team from the National Infrastructure and Finance ministries.

Gov't mulls public offering for Leumi

By DAVID HARRIS

The government is considering privatizing Bank Leumi by means of public flotation on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange because of a possible shortage in prospective private investors, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Moshe Leon said yesterday.

In light of recent indications that there is only one party currently interested in bidding for the controlling shares in Israel's second largest bank, Leon said it is quite possible that a public flotation in Tel Aviv would take place during the course of 1998.

Talking to journalists in Tel Aviv, Leon said that his firm hopes that by the end of next year the government will hold no interests in the banking sector.

However, only hours after Leon spoke, MKs in the Knesset Finance committee placed another spoke in the wheels of the privatization of Bank Hapoalim by refusing to approve the sale for a second consecutive day.

MI Holdings, the state-run company responsible for bank privatization, had hoped to receive Knesset approval on Tuesday for the NIS 4.8 billion sale to a consortium led by businessman Ted Arison, but the

MKs are disgruntled about the lack of protection of workers' rights in the contract of sale.

"The feeling amongst MKs was that MI Holdings couldn't guarantee workers' rights to their satisfaction and so the matter will come back to the committee next Monday," said a committee official.

Speaking about other privatization issues, Leon said that a flotation of Bezeq shares is likely in November. The government's aim was to reduce its share in Bezeq from 7% percent at the start of the year to 5.4% by December. This process was aided by the July sale of 12.4% of Bezeq shares to investment house Merrill Lynch.

During a general overview of the government's role in the macro- and micro-economy, Leon indicated that while the official 1998 interest rate target has been set at 7% to 10%, identical to this year's goal, the real target is to ensure that inflation continues to fall. This year's annual rate will be between 9% and 10%, he said.

With regard to the 1998 proposed NIS 2.3b. budget cut, Leon said Netanyahu has made sure the cut does not affect education and infrastructure and in both cases there will be additional spending rather than a cut.

Travelers Group to purchase Salomon for more than \$9 billion

By MONIQUE WISE

Travelers Group Inc. agreed to buy Salomon Inc. for more than \$9 billion in stock, creating the second highest U.S. securities firm in terms of equity capital. Travelers will pay 1.13 of its shares for each Salomon share.

That values Salomon at \$81.43 a share, based on Travelers' closing price on Tuesday of 72 1/16. That's a 14 percent premium over Salomon's closing price of 71 1/2.

Travelers said it will take a charge of as much as \$500 million once the transaction is completed. Travelers will combine Salomon Brothers Inc. with its Smith Barney Holdings Inc. brokerage unit, forming an international securities firm that would be the 3rd-largest equity underwriter and the No. 2 bond underwriter, based on 1996 figures.

"There are enormous synergies," said Gerald Smith, a UBS Securities investment banker and a former Salomon managing-director. "If they can save 30% of Salomon Brothers', they've got a good deal. Smith Barney has always wanted access to interna-

tional markets, and Salomon has spent a lot of time building up that business."

The transaction comes as mergers sweep Wall Street. Morgan Stanley Group Inc. and Dean Witter, Discover & Co. announced a merger in February. Since then, seven banks bought securities firms in an effort to provide a full menu of financial services to corporate clients and individuals.

Travelers purchase "substantially strengthens Travelers Group's earnings stream and capital base, catapulting Salomon Smith Barney into the top tier of global securities and investment banking firms," Travelers chairman Sanford I. Weill said in a statement.

Salomon stock rose 6 7/8 to 78 3/8 as 2.5 million shares changed hands in the first 45 minutes of trading yesterday. Travelers fell 1/2 to 71 7/16 on a volume of 1.9 million shares.

The new company will have \$9 billion in equity capital, placing it behind Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co., which has \$12.8b. in shareholder's equity.

Merrill Lynch & Co. will be No. 3 in terms of capital, though it has more brokers than Smith Barney.

James Dimon, 41, and Deryck Maughan, 49, will be co-chief executives of the merged firm. Dimon is chairman and chief executive of Smith Barney Inc. He will remain president, chief operating officer, and a director of Travelers. Maughan is chairman and chief executive of Salomon Brothers Inc.

The sale of Salomon Brothers, one of Wall Street's top firms in the 1980s, shows the company never fully recovered from the 1991 US Treasury bond scandal that threatened to put it out of business, and from the subsequent departures of top traders and investment bankers.

"Over several decades, Sandy [Weill] has demonstrated genius in creating huge value for his shareholders by skillfully blending and managing acquisitions in the financial services industry," said Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor who owns about 18% of Salomon shares. "In my view, Salomon will be no exception." (Bloomberg)

Solel Boneh wins Mamilla tender worth NIS124m.

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Solel Boneh Building & Infrastructure Ltd., Israel's leading building contractor, said yesterday it won a tender worth NIS 124 million for construction in the commercial section of the Mamilla project next to David's Citadel and the Old City of Jerusalem.

The final deal will be signed today with Elrov, the company developing the Mamilla district. In a statement, the companies said the work was expected to be completed in 1999.

All the large Israeli contractors had participated in what was one of the largest tenders in the building industry.

Shaul Amit, Solel Boneh's managing director, said that it was the biggest contract the company received this year.

Alfred Akirov, Elrov's managing director and chairman, said that construction costs in the commercial zone would come to \$150 million.

The district is divided into residential, commercial and tourist areas and is considered very luxurious. The commercial area includes a pedestrian shopping mall, a 200-room hotel, apartments and offices.

Also included in the Mamilla district is David's Royal Residence, a luxury apartment complex of 36 units.

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Banks lead TASE down

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks fell yesterday as investors awaited developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations. The Maof Index of 25 stocks fell 0.52 percent to 291.85. The Mishnam Index eased 0.37% to 286.02. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 30 stocks eased 0.25 to 99.16.

Shares were led lower by Israel's top three banks: Bank Hapoalim Ltd. fell 1% to 7.85 shekels (\$2.24), Bank Leumi le-Israel Ltd. was off 2% to 5.56, and Israel Discount Bank Ltd. eased 0.75% to 3.7.

The political concern is overwhelming recent economic reports of higher inflation and stable interest rates, said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities Ltd. Political developments "are the headlines," he said. "They have nothing to do with the stock exchange, but they have an impact."

The peace process and economy are the two major considerations for investors and "all the bad news is out," Mark Meiras, managing director at Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. Looking ahead, during the autumn Jewish holidays, "the market tends to rise," Meiras said. Bank Hapoalim was the most active issue, trading 5.7 million

shekels of shares. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, 107 million shekels of shares traded. Almost five issues rose for every four that fell.

Bank Hapoalim shares slipped as the finance committee of the parliament held up the \$1.37 billion sale of control of the country's largest bank based on assets to the Tel Arison group. Some lawmakers demanded that the buyers guarantee they will comply with collective agreements covering the bank's workers.

Europe

UK stocks rose, with the FT-SE Actuaries 350 Index climbing to a record high, as lower bond yields suggested interest rates will stay little changed in the near future, improving the outlook for corporate earnings.

Banks, oil companies and drug stocks led the FT-SE Actuaries 350 Index up 20.6 points, or 0.85% to 2440.7, surpassing Monday's record close of 2438.6.

The benchmark FT-SE 100 index rose 49.7 points, or 0.99%, to 5077.20 after falling almost 1% Tuesday.

Stocks gained as the benchmark 10-year gilt yield fell 2 basis points to 6.61%, its lowest level since February 1994. Lower yields



Maof 291.85 ▼ 0.52%
Dow Jones 7906 ▼ 0.79%
FTSE 5077.20 ▲ 0.99%
Nikkei 18420.08 ▲ 1.20%

sell Requip, its drug for Parkinson's disease.

Asia

Japan's benchmark stock index rose to its highest level in two weeks as investors bet the yen won't strengthen much further even after comments by a finance ministry official implied otherwise.

Group of Seven finance officials Saturday issued a "strong message on the yen and dollar," said Eisuke Sakakibara, Japan's vice finance minister for international affairs, suggesting the accord supports a stronger yen.

Sakakibara's comments pushed down the dollar more than 2% to 119.90, from 122.47 earlier yesterday.

"Even with this sort of remark, there are still so many worries about Japan's economy that the yen's appreciation will be capped," said Kenji Karikomi, deputy manager in Daiwa Securities Co.'s equity division. "If pension funds have to buy something - what else can they buy but the blue chips with good earnings?"

The Nikkei 225 stock average rose 218.76 points, or 1.2 percent, to 18,420.08, its highest level since September 10.

The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo

Stock exchange rose 21.65 points, or 1.5%, to 1424.17.

Domestic pension fund money helped fuel the market's ascent, traders and investors said. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks edged lower yesterday as buying died in near the end of the session amid a lack of fresh economic news and persisting worries about third quarter profits, especially in the technology sector.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 63.35 or 0.79 percent to 7906.71, based on early and unofficial data.

The blue chip average zoomed as high as 65 points to 8,035 early in the session with investors optimistic over news that Travelers Group, which owns Smith Barney, would buy Salomon Brothers for more than \$9 billion in stock. The merger would create one of the nation's biggest investment houses.

But the market could not hold on to the levels as the initial euphoria cooled. Analysts said a flood of initial public offerings taxed liquidity and concerns about future earnings crept back.

The Nasdaq fell 9.95 to 1687.41, snapping a four-day streak of consecutive record highs.

Dollar tumbles against mark, yen

The dollar tumbled against the mark and the yen after the Bundesbank President backed a strong mark and a Japanese Finance Ministry official suggested the Group of Seven nations support a stronger yen.

"I will clearly say that the mark must remain a strong currency and not depreciate against the big world currencies," Hans Tietmeyer said in an interview being published today in the German daily *Fleisburger Tagesblatt*.

Meanwhile, Eisuke Sakakibara, Japan's vice finance minister for international affairs, said the G-7 agreement to "avoid excessive currencies' depreciation" was a "strong message on the yen and dollar," Jiji Press reported.

"It was a one-two punch, the dollar was hit first by the yen and

then the mark after combined remarks by Sakakibara and Tietmeyer suggested a concerted move to push the dollar down," said Rob Hayward, an economic adviser at Bank of America.

The dollar fell as low as 1.7690 marks from 1.7960 late Tuesday, its biggest one-day drop since August 26. It dipped as low as 119.42 yen from 121.70 at Tuesday's European close.

The dollar was traded at 1.7733 marks and 120.27 yen, pairing earlier losses as "the market seems to have overreacted," said Hayward. "People tended to move from intraday movements to a more medium term picture. Fundamentals are bullish for the dollar."

The dollar erased a two-day gain after topping 1.80 marks Tuesday for the first time in 12 days. A

CURRENCIES

Dollar 3.5000 ▼ 0.31%
Basket 3.7653 ▲ 0.17%
Mark 1.9766 ▲ 1.23%
Sterling 5.6501 ▼ 0.08%

series of German reports pointed to a deceleration in inflation in September, suggesting no imminent need for higher German rates. "There is a turn in sentiment related to Tietmeyer's hawkish comments," said James McKay, an economist at PaineWebber

International. "It is obvious the Bundesbank is still concerned about the dollar/mark level and the dollar will remain vulnerable to other rhetoric."

McKay expects the dollar will fall closer to 1.75 marks in the coming days. Tietmeyer had already capped the dollar's rally against the mark Tuesday, saying "the correction in the dollar has finished."

Furthermore, Bundesbank council member Franz-Christoph Zeidler said earlier yesterday a declaration of inflation isn't an end to the inflation "alarm bell," keeping alive the possibility of an increase in the benchmark German money market rate from its current 3% rate.

Mark Hale, senior economist at Sakura Finance International, is forecasting 1.65 marks to the dollar in 12 months.

"The Bundesbank will continue to try and talk up the mark in the short term, while a hike in repo rates is held in reserve," Hale said.

The mark rebounded against the yen amid expectations the Japanese official discount rate will remain at all-time low of 0.5%, given the dim outlook of the Japanese economy.

Looking ahead, traders will get a fuller picture of how the economy is faring with the Bank of Japan releases the results of its "tankan" survey of business sentiment next Wednesday. The quarterly survey polls managers of 10,000 companies, asking their views of business conditions and the economy.

"I see some further dollar upside in the short run especially if the Japanese data are very weak," said Hale at Sakura. (Bloomberg)

Oil declines after sharp rise in US product supplies

Precious metals

Platinum and palladium rose amid concern over the extent of Russian supplies of the two precious metals and on expectations that the tumbling dollar may also have encouraged Japanese consumers to buy.

Russia, the world's largest producer of palladium and the second-largest of platinum behind South Africa, is expected to supply far less metal than it has in recent years.

Russia only resumed shipments of both metals in July after a ban on export licenses lasting almost seven months, largely caused by internal bureaucratic disputes.

Spot palladium traded \$4.50 higher at \$193 an ounce while spot platinum rose \$7.50 to \$443.50 an ounce.

Gold prices were little changed

Oil

in inter-bank trading. Gold for immediate delivery traded 90 cents higher at \$322.85 an ounce.

Brent crude oil futures prices declined after a substantial rise in US product supplies was reported by the American Petroleum Institute, signaling US refiners will be importing less crude. Distillate supplies, which include heating oil, increased by 1.2 percent, while gasoline inventories mushroomed by 3%, the API said in its weekly report.

With product supplies in the world's largest energy consumer growing because refiners are running near flat-out, the amount of crude needed by the nation from regions like the North Sea, some of the benchmark Brent blend, is expected to fall.

COMMODITIES

Gold \$323.95 ▲ 2.0%
Crude Oil \$18.72 ▲ 0.08%
CRB 241.90 ▲ 0.44%

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, Brent crude futures declined 8 cents to \$18.56 a barrel.

Others

Copper prices rose as robust demand in the United States and Europe is seen offsetting faltering growth in consumption of the metal

in parts of Asia. Demand for copper usually picks up in the Northern Hemisphere autumn as manufacturing activity increases following a lull in the summer, when many factories shut down for holidays.

This year the impact of that pickup has been dulled by a drag on copper consumption from the recent currency crisis in Southeast Asia, which has led to the cancellation of major construction projects, and a slowdown in the Japanese economy.

The benchmark three-month copper contract rose \$10 to \$2,113 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange.

White sugar futures slumped amid expectations for large crops from Brazil, the European Union and Mexico in 1997-98 and for falling demand from Middle Eastern consumers.

Favorable weather conditions have contributed to forecasts for

record crops from the European Union and Mexico, while an increase in acreage planted with sugar cane in Brazil has led to expectations for a crop of about 1.5 million tons from Brazil, the world's largest producer. In 1997-98, White sugar for December delivery fell \$4.50 to \$303.60 a metric ton.

Robusta coffee futures rose in London amid continuing concern that drought could damage crops in Indonesia. Indonesia's next coffee crop could be as much as 30% smaller than this year's because of the El Nino weather pattern that has brought drought to the country in the past, and is currently exhibiting its strongest pattern this century.

Indonesia is the largest producer of lower-grade robusta coffee traded in London. Robusta coffee for November delivery rose \$24 to \$1,549 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. (Bloomberg)

US bonds rise as demand expected at Treasury sale

US bonds rose, driving yields to almost eight-week lows, on expectations the Treasury's sale of \$11.5 billion of five-year notes will meet with a better reception than Tuesday's two-year note sale.

"I think the auction will be a little better," said Bill Kirby, co-head of government bond trading at Prudential Securities, one of the 38 primary dealers required to bid on new government debt. "The momentum's better." The benchmark 30-year U.S.

bond rose 19/32, or \$5.94 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 15/32, driving its yield down 4 basis points to 6.34 percent. The two-year note's yield fell 3 basis points from yesterday's auction, to 5.76 percent.

The new five-year notes traded at a yield of 5.97 percent in "when-issued" trading, which occurs before the securities are delivered by the Treasury.

Bonds Tuesday fell for the first time in eight days as the Treasury met lackluster demand at its sale

BONDS

US 30-year T-bill yield 6.34 ▼ 0.4

of \$15.5 billion two-year notes. Wall Street dealers often drive up

yields before a Treasury auction to drum up demand for the new securities, which they buy from the government and resell to investors.

Still, many people remain bullish on bonds, given recent reports showing steady economic growth and scant inflation.

Consumer prices rose at an annual 1.6 percent pace in the first eight months of the year, the slowest pace since 1986.

"People have gotten used to the idea that you can have a pretty

good economy and a pretty good bond market, too," said Tom Donne, who manages about \$1 billion at Banc One Investment Advisors Group in Columbus, Ohio.

Subdued inflation reduces the risk that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates soon and also means bonds will hold more of their value. Donne, who predicts yields on 30-year bonds could fall below 6.25 percent in the months ahead, said he favors securities maturing in 20 years or so. (Bloomberg)

LAST CHANGE

Travelers Grp	59.225	-2.4375
Tiburon	33.375	-0.9625
TRINCOVA Corp	30.000	-0.0000
Titan Energy	40.825	-1.1875
TWA	30.000	-0.0000
Tyco Labs	7.375	-0.0000
Tyco	3.6875	-0.1875
USL Corp	85	-0.0000
USG Corp	48.825	-0.8750
USI Inc	30.000	-0.0000
USX	26.4375	-0.3125
USX-US Steel	57.8125	-0.9625
Unicom Corp	34	-1.0625
Unicom Int'l	116.425	-0.6250
Union Carbide	61.1875	-0.4375
Union Pacific	47.75	-0.4375
Union Pacific	62.9375	-0.25
Unisys Corp	12.4375	-0.0000
USAA Group	40.375	-0.1250
USF Corp	38.000	-0.0000
US Home	38.875	-0.75
US Life	1.0000	-0.0000
US Robotics	1.0000	-0.0000
US Surgical	31.9625	-0.4375
US Trust	55.25	-0.8250
US West	37.875	-0.8750
United Tech	52.75	-1.25
United Tech	42.3125	-0.125

LAST CHANGE

Source: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE IS SEP-29)		
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES		
US Dollar (1)	1.7623	0
British Pound (1)	1.7850	0
Deutsche Mark (1)	1.7850	0
Japanese Yen (100)	1.0000	0
Swiss Franc (1)	1.4000	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	1.0000	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5197	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	4.8225	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

DJ Industrials	7906.71	-63.35
DJ Transport	2187.51	-11.25
DJ Utility	246.19	0.74
DJ Comp	292.54	3.29
NYSE Index	821.59	0.23
NYSE Transp	484.72	-1.24
NYSE Indus	716.43	-0.18
S&P 100	512.56	-2.88
S&P Spot Index	944.48	-7.48

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

FTSE 100	18420.08	+120.00
Topix	1424.17	+21.65
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	14050.4	+111.1
DAX	293.88	+3.43
Israeli Index	291.85	-0.52
Nikkei	18420.08	+120.00
Sydney	2768.22	+10.9
Mexico	305.40	+16.65

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

Pound spot	1.7617	-0.0001
Deutsche (DM)	1.7850	-0.0000
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US COMMODITIES

Cocoa (Dec) (COC)	169.65	-0.2
Coffee (Dec) (COF)	365.25	-1.75
Soybean (Mar) (SOY)	636.25	+7.25
Sugar (Oct) (SUG)	18.78	-0.22
Orange Juice (Nov) (OJ)	86.9	-0.65
Wheat (Dec) (WHE)	116.281	-0.71875
Wheat (Dec) (WHE)	94.3	-1.7

LONDON COMMODITIES

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SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Silver spot	4.76	+0.05
Gold (Dec)	323.95	+2.0
Silver (Dec)	4.75	+0.06
Platinum (Dec)	193.8	+2.5
Palladium (Dec)	193.8	+1.3
Highgrade copper (Dec)	93.8	+0.06

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

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LONDON METAL FIXES

Gold AM fix	322	+1.3
Gold PM fix	322	+1.3
Silver fix	4.75	+0.06
Platinum fix	193.8	+2.5
Palladium fix	193.8	+1.3

PARIS

Azote	1098	+26
Air Liquide	576	+11
Axell	785	+11
Banque Paribas	81	+1
Banque de France	81	+1
Banque de Paris	81	+1
Banque de la Reunion	81	+1
Banque de Madagascar	81	+1
Banque de l'Inde	81	+1
Banque de Chine	81	+1
Banque de Japon	81	+1
Banque de Australie	81	+1
Banque de Nouvelle Zelande	81	+1
Banque de Afrique du Sud	81	+1
Banque de Argentine	81	+1
Banque de Chili	81	+1
Banque de Colombie	81	+1
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Banque de Norvège	81	+1
Banque de Finlande	81	+1

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Affekt AG	1098	+26
BAF	576	+11
Commerzbank	785	+11
Dresdner Bank	81	+1
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Hochhaus	81	+1
Lufthansa	81	+1
Messerschmitt	81	+1
Metallgesellschaft	81	+1
Porsche	81	+1

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Indians clinch 3rd-straight division crown

Mariners take AL West; Marlins grab NL wild card

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians clinched their third straight AL Central title, overcoming a seven-run deficit in a dramatic 10-9 victory over their age-old nemesis, the New York Yankees.

About 10 minutes after the final out Tuesday night, Chicago was eliminated from contention with a 5-3 loss in Minnesota.

Cleveland, which won 27 games in its last at-bat in winning the AL championship in 1995, was 0-62 coming in when trailing after eight innings.

David Justice hit a solo homer off Hideki Irabu to key a two-run eighth as the Indians pulled to 9-8, then tied it with an RBI single off Jeff Nelson (3-7) in the ninth. Sandy Alomar, who hit a two-run homer and RBI single earlier, singled to center to score Matt Williams, who walked.

Mariners 4, Angels 3
Host Seattle clinched its second AL West title in three years, setting a major league record for homers in a season, but Ken Griffey Jr. remained at 55.

Jay Buhner's 40th homer, a 494-foot, three-run shot in the first, was the Mariners' 258th of the season, one more than Baltimore hit last year.

Griffey, who homered twice Monday night, went 1-for-3 with a broken-bat single in the first, a walk in the third, a strikeout in the fifth and a groundout in the seventh.

Randy Johnson (19-4) allowed eight hits in eight innings with 11 strikeouts.

Twins 5, White Sox 3
Brent Bredt hit a two-run home run off Jason Bere (4-2), breaking a 3-all tie in the fifth.

Frank Thomas hit a three-run homer for host Chicago and kept his league-leading average at .352.

Bob Tewksbury (7-13) gave up five hits in six innings, and Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2
Roberto Alomar went 2-for-5, scored a run and drove in one as visiting Baltimore, seeking its first AL East title in 14 years, lowered its magic number to one.

Roger Clemens (21-7) gave up three runs and eight hits in eight innings, struck out 11 and walked two as Toronto lost for the 11th time in 13 games.

Brewers 7, Royals 4
Royals 6, Brewers 2
Jeff King hit a two-run homer and Mike Sweeney drove in three runs as visiting Kansas City got a split. Darrin Jackson's seventh-inning squeeze bunt scored the go-ahead run in the opener, but Milwaukee was eliminated when Cleveland rallied to beat New York.

Jim Pitsley (5-8) pitched five innings for the win in the second game and Joel Adamson (5-3) was the loser.

Reliever Al Reyes (1-1) won the opener and Doug Jones struck out the side on nine pitches in the ninth



WAR DANCE — Sandy Alomar (2nd from right) is surrounded by teammates after his game-winning hit lifted the Indians to their third-straight AL Central title.

for his 35th save.
Tigers 6, Red Sox 0
Bobby Higginson drove in two runs and host Detroit (79-78) moved over .500 for the first time since April 1996.

The Tigers are 16-6 in September.
Detroit scored five runs in the fifth to take a 6-0 lead and chase Jeff Suppan (7-3). Greg Keagle (3-4) allowed six hits in 5 1/2 shutout innings.

Rangers 14, Athletics 6
Lee-Stevens hit two home runs and Juan Gonzalez and Alex Diaz added three-run shots as Texas ended a four-game losing streak with a road win.

Oakland's Jason Giambi hit a three-run home run off John Burkett (8-12) in the fifth inning to cut Texas' lead to 6-4.

John Burkett (8-12) got his 100th career victory, allowing four runs and nine hits in eight innings for his first victory since July 12 at Seattle.

Oakland starter Dave Telgheder (4-6) allowed five runs and seven hits in three innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Marlins 6, Expos 3
Visiting Florida clinched its first

playoff berth.
The Marlins, who entered the league as an expansion team in 1993 and spent nearly \$90 million on free agents this past offseason, will enter the postseason as the NL's wild card entrant.

Kevin Brown (16-8) won his seventh straight decision and set a Marlins record for strikeouts in a season.

Charles Johnson's two-out RBI single brought in the go-ahead run in the fifth for Florida, which had its playoff plans put on hold by losing three straight to the New York Mets.

Brown struck out eight in six solid innings to increase his career-high total to 205. Brown, who hasn't lost since July 27, is 7-0 in 11 starts since August 1.

Robb Nen got three outs for his 35th save.
Dustin Hermanson (8-7) took the loss.

Reds 8, Cardinals 6
Mark McGwire is hitting again, just no long balls.

McGwire remained stuck on 54 home runs for the fourth game, getting a pair of singles. McGwire, who has five games left, went 2-

for-5 and remained seven homers behind Roger Maris' record and one behind Ken Griffey Jr., the major league leader.

McGwire struck out in the first, singled on a check swing in the fourth, singled to right-center in the fifth, flied out to medium left in the seventh and hit a game-ending fly to center.

Braves 6, Phillies 0
Rookie Kevin Millwood allowed two hits in eight shutout innings and Andrew Jones and Michael Tucker hit consecutive homers for visiting Atlanta.

Millwood (5-3) took a no-hitter into the seventh before Mike Lieberthal doubled to right-center with one out. The 22-year-old right-hander, making his eighth start this season, struck out a career-high eight and walked four in his longest outing.

Astrus 5, Cubs 3
Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell homered as host Houston moved closer to its first division title since 1986.

Biggio tied the score 3-all with a sixth-inning homer, and Tony Eusebio singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth off Steve Trachsel

(8-12). Bagwell hit his 43rd homer in the fourth.
Houston, which remained 3 1/2 games ahead of second-place Pittsburgh in the NL Central, overcame one-run deficits three times and cut its magic number to two.

Darryl Kile (19-7), trying to become Houston's first 20-game winner since Mike Scott in 1989, allowed six hits in 8 1/2 innings.

Rockies 7, Giants 6
Andres Galarraga increased his league-leading RBIs total to 137 with a three-run homer as host Colorado stalled San Francisco in the NL West.

The Giants, who got a two-run homer from Barry Bonds in a three-run ninth, had their lead reduced to 1 1/2 games over second-place Los Angeles and 4 1/2 over Colorado.

The Rockies, who have won 20 of 25, trailed 3-2 in the fifth when Galarraga followed singles by Ellis Burks and Larry Walker with his 41st homer.

Bonds' ninth-inning homer off Jerry Dipoto was his 39th of the season, sixth in seven games and eighth of September.

Pinch-hitter Mark Lewis had an

RBI single with two outs. With the potential tying run on first, Curtis Leskanic retired pinch-hitter Damon Berryhill on a grounder for his second save.

Dodgers 6, Padres 2
Host Los Angeles picked up a game in the NL West as Todd Zeile homered twice and the Dodgers snapped a five-game losing streak.

Chan Ho Park (14-8) pitched a seven-hitter and Zeile hit two solo shots for Los Angeles.

San Diego's Tony Gwynn, shooting for his eighth NL batting championship, went 1-for-3 and was hit by a pitch, leaving him with a .375 average — six points ahead of Colorado's Larry Walker.

Park allowed only four hits after the second inning in pitching his second career complete game.

Pirates 5, Mets 4
Shawn Dunston hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh and visiting Pittsburgh held its ground in the NL Central race.

The Pirates remained 3 1/2 games behind Houston with its fourth straight win. Pittsburgh played last night at Shea Stadium before ending the season with three games at the Astrodome.

The Mets, who extended their surprising season with three straight victories at Florida, were finally knocked out of their wild-card pursuit of the Marlins.

Francisco Cordova and three relievers teamed on a four-hitter as the Pirates won for the first time in five games at New York this year.

Jose Silva (2-1) was the winner and Rich Loiselle got his 28th save. Cory Lidle (7-2) took the loss.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING — Gwynn, San Diego, .375; Walker, Colorado, .347; Piazza, Los Angeles, .338; Lofnes, Atlanta, .334; Jeter, New York, .333; McGriff, Colorado, .324; Atlanta, New York, .318.
RUNS — Biggio, Houston, 143; Walker, Colorado, 141; Galarraga, Colorado, 129; Bonds, San Francisco, 118; Bagwell, Houston, 104; Ecklund, Los Angeles, 102; Chipman, Atlanta, 100.
RBI — Galarraga, Colorado, 137; Bagwell, Houston, 132; Walker, Colorado, 128; Sosa, Chicago, 119; Gwynn, San Diego, 118; Piazza, Los Angeles, 116; Kent, San Francisco, 116.
HITS — Gwynn, San Diego, 218; Walker, Colorado, 204; Piazza, Los Angeles, 191; Biggio, Houston, 188; Galarraga, Colorado, 186; Hundley, Los Angeles, 185; Castillo, Colorado, 181.
HOME RUNS — Walker, Colorado, 48; Bagwell, Houston, 43; Galarraga, Colorado, 41; Castillo, Colorado, 40; Bonds, San Francisco, 39; Piazza, Los Angeles, 37; Sosa, Chicago, 34.
STOLEN BASES — Womack, Pittsburgh, 57; Sanders, Cincinnati, 56; DeShields, St. Louis, 49; Ecklund, Los Angeles, 45; Biggio, Houston, 43; Bonds, San Francisco, 35; Oleras, San Diego, 33.
PITCHING (88 Decisions) — Hogue, Atlanta, 20-4, 833, 2.84; Gidycz, Atlanta, 19-4, 824, 2.20; Estes, San Francisco, 18-5, 783, 3.25; Kile, Houston, 19-7, 731, 2.57; Rutter, San Francisco, 13-4, 684, 3.45; Pizarro, Montreal, 17-8, 688, 1.92; Glavin, Atlanta, 14-7, 667, 3.04; K Brown, Florida, 16-8, 667, 2.69.
STRIKEOUTS — Schilling, Philadelphia, 313; Pizarro, Montreal, 294; Smoltz, Atlanta, 233; Nomo, Los Angeles, 227; Kile, Houston, 205; K Brown, Florida, 205; Alvarez, Florida, 178.
SAVES — Shave, Cincinnati, 41; Beck, San Francisco, 37; Hoffman, San Diego, 36; Jofrino, New York, 36; Eckersley, St. Louis, 34; Nen, Florida, 35; Tolver, Los Angeles, 33.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — Thomas, Chicago, .352; Justice, Cleveland, .332; Ramirez, Cleveland, .330; Hernandez, Seattle, .330; Texas, .325; BeWilliams, New York, .325; O'Neill, New York, .322.
RUNS — Griffey Jr., Seattle, 112; Garcia, Boston, 119; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 115; Jeter, New York, 114; B Hunter, Detroit, 111; Thomas, Chicago, 108; Greer, Texas, 106.
RBI — Griffey Jr., Seattle, 145; Hernandez, New York, 141; JuGonzalez, Texas, 126; Salmon, Anaheim, 124; Thomas, Chicago, 114; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 114; O'Neill, New York, 115.
HITS — Garcia, Boston, 200; Greer, Texas, 189; Jeter, New York, 184; Gauderson, Anaheim, 182; Rodriguez, Texas, 182; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 181; Ramirez, Cleveland, 180; Thomas, Chicago, 180.
HOME RUNS — Griffey Jr., Seattle, 55; Hernandez, New York, 44; Thome, Cleveland, 40; JuGonzalez, Texas, 40; B Hunter, Seattle, 40; RAlvarez, Baltimore, 37; Flores, Chicago, 34; McGwire, Oakland, 34.
STOLEN BASES — B Hunter, Detroit, 72; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 59; YGoodwin, Texas, 47; Nomo, Toronto, 47; Vignos, Cleveland, 43; Durkin, Chicago, 33; AlRodriguez, Seattle, 29.
PITCHING (88 Decisions) — Johnson, Seattle, 19-4, 824, 2.30; Moyer, Seattle, 17-4, 810, 3.68; Clemens, Toronto, 21-7, 750, 2.04; Pettitte, New York, 18-7, 720, 2.84; Hernandez, Cleveland, 14-6, 700, 4.52; Erickson, Baltimore, 16-7, 696, 3.71; Blair, Detroit, 16-7, 696, 3.71.
STRIKEOUTS — Johnson, Seattle, 288; Clemens, Toronto, 284; Coe, New York, 220; Mussina, Baltimore, 211; Appier, Kansas City, 191; Fassero, Seattle, 184; Kile, Minnesota, 171.
SAVES — Balfanz, Baltimore, 44; M Rivera, New York, 43; DeJong, Milwaukee, 35; Johnson, Detroit, 31; Wetteland, Texas, 30; Percival, Anaheim, 27; Slocum, Seattle, 27; Hernandez, Chicago, 27.
* 54 (includes 20 with NL St. Louis)

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Maccabi up for a Real challenge

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv faces Real Madrid tonight in an attempt to open its European campaign with two straight victories for the first time since the 1992 season — the last time they reached the quarter-finals.

Maccabi is coming off an impressive opening EuroLeague win last Thursday against Limoges and enters tonight's contest with a seven-game home winning streak in European play.

But Real Madrid should be a much tougher opponent than the French.

The venerable Spanish club captured the EuroCup (secondary tournament) last season and brings back much the same team this year, although head coach Zeljko Obradovic left for Benetton Treviso after leading Real to the European title in 1995, a Final Four appearance in 1996 and last season's EuroCup.

But the team's top five leading scorers from last European campaign return this year, including foreigners Dejan Bodiroga (20.2 points, 6.9 rebounds) and Joe Arlauckas (19.3 points, 5.8 rebounds), who paced the club last season in both scoring and rebounding.

They are surrounded by a deep supporting cast of front-line men Alberto Herrero, Juan Oranga and Mike Smith and a backcourt of Pablo Laso, Jose Antunez and Alberto Angulo.

Real got off to a disappointing start in the EuroLeague last week with a 90-77 loss at CSKA Moscow in which the team committed 25 turnovers and Bodiroga scored only seven points.

But Madrid has traditionally done well against Maccabi, holding a 20-11 all-time advantage over the blue-and-yellow in European play, including two victories in 1995/96, the last season in which the two teams met.

Hap. Jerusalem in winnable EuroLeague match with Ulker

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

It may only be the third week of the national basketball season, but it's not too early to call Hapoel Jerusalem's EuroLeague game against Ulker of Turkey tonight (Sports Channel, 18:50) a must win for Gad Kedar's club.

If Jerusalem wants to be taken seriously in the EuroLeague, it must beat Ulker, considered one of the weaker teams in Jerusalem's bracket, at home or face the prospects of a very cold winter indeed.

The good news is that Jerusalem comes off an impressive victory over Givat Shmuel last Sunday night. True, Givat Shmuel was playing with only one foreigner, and wasn't exactly the Chicago Bulls out there, but for once Hapoel was playing its game, making three pointers and getting contributions from the entire team.

That's exactly what they'll need again tonight if they're to claim their first EuroLeague victory.

The visitors are certainly no slouches. Though they lost to Partizan Belgrade 95-86 in their EuroLeague opener, Ulker has European experience and is also undefeated so far in the Turkish league. Among those victories was one over Efes Pilsen, showing Ulker is in fine form coming into tonight's contest.

Hapoel fans will see a familiar face for Ulker — Kenny Green (2.03), who came to the club from Thurgau Victoria after being chosen the outstanding player in the Spanish league last year. Green played against Hapoel as a member of that club two years ago. He has a reputation as an outstanding shot blocker and can also score inside.

The other Spanish score on Ulker is in the backcourt, where point guard Michael Anderson reigns, who also came over after an outstanding year in the Spanish league.

Group A
W L Pts
Maccabi 1 0 2
Olympiakos 1 0 2
CSKA Moscow 1 0 2
Real Madrid 0 1 1
Efes Pilsen 0 1 1
Limoges 0 1 1

Group C
W L Pts
Pas-Orthez 1 0 3
Kinder Bologna 1 0 3
Barcelona 1 0 2
Partizan Belgrade 1 0 2
Hapoel Jerusalem 0 1 1
Ulker 0 1 1

REAL MENACE — Joe Arlauckas burned Maccabi for 35 points when he last visited Yad Eliyahu.



Table with columns for National League, American League, and various divisions (East, Central, West) showing team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

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SPORTS

in brief

Faxon claims putting record

SOTOGRADE, Spain (Reuters) - Brad Faxon laid claim to the world record for the longest putt yesterday - 8.2 miles. Faxon achieved his feat on Concorde when it flew the American team to Spain on Monday for this weekend's Ryder Cup clash against Europe. He said his putt broke the record of six miles set by one of the European team when Concorde flew them to Oak Hill, Rochester, New York, for the 1995 match. "One of them hit a putt 100 feet down the aisle of Concorde that took 15 seconds to reach the other end," he said. "Concorde travels almost six miles in 15 seconds. He hit his first so I was advised to hit mine slowly. "Mine took 23 seconds to reach the end of the aisle, so I have the world record putt," he said. Concorde travels 8.2 miles in that time.

Pau and Llanelli face fighting probe

PAU, France (Reuters) - Two days after fining Brive and Pontypridd for on-pitch fighting, organizers of the rugby union European Cup are investigating another violent match involving French and Welsh clubs. Club sources at French side Pau said team manager Henri Nieto had been called to give evidence to European Rugby Cup (ERC) officials today over fighting during the match on September 13 in which Pau beat Llanelli of Wales 44-12. According to French ERC member Michel Palmie, heavy punishments could be imposed on both sides. Llanelli and Pau meet again in the return leg in Wales on Sunday.

Bobby Charlton not too old for soccer at 60

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Bobby Charlton returns to soccer to celebrate his 60th birthday next month, not with his beloved Manchester United but one of the city's more obscure amateur teams. Charlton has agreed to play for Moss Amateurs who play Tintwistle Villa on October 11, Charlton's birthday. "I want to play for 90 minutes and I feel well and fit enough to do it," Charlton said yesterday. Charlton agreed to play for the amateur side when he met their manager last year. "The lads still can't believe it," said manager Billy Hughes. "I think we will have to make it an all-ticket match." Charlton still occasionally trains with the United team. He is director of the club with whom he won the European Cup in 1968. He remains England's top international goalscorer.

Fenway Park gets 1999 All-Star Game

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Boston's venerable Fenway Park, one of the last remaining classic old major league baseball stadiums, was yesterday chosen as site of the 1999 All-Star Game. "It is fitting that the last All-Star Game of the 20th Century will be played in one of the game's oldest and most historic parks," said American League president Dr. Gene Budig following the executive council's announcement that the Red Sox would host the 1999 mid-summer classic. Fenway, which has been the home to the Boston Red Sox since 1912, has previously hosted the All-Star Game in 1946 and 1961.

Spain through to World Cup finals

LONDON (Reuters) - A 2-1 victory in Slovakia last night sent Spain into next year's World Cup finals while Georgia's seemingly meaningless 1-0 defeat of Moldova caused celebrations in Austria and Scotland but consternation in Italy. Spain's confident win guarantees their place in the finals either as group six winners or Europe's best runners-up and they need only a point from their last game against the Faroe Islands to clinch top spot ahead of Yugoslavia. Only a win by the Faroes in Spain can deny group four leaders Austria a place in France. Georgia's victory in group two means that Italy can no longer finish as best runners-up. If Italy beat England on October 11 they will win the group and England will face a play-off. A draw to Rome or a victory for England sends Glenn Hoddle's team through and leaves the Italians in the play-offs. The results also mean that the best runners-up place will almost certainly go to group four and with Austria likely to top the group Scotland will probably go through if they beat Latvia at home. Spain become the fourth European qualifier to date, joining Bulgaria, Romania and Norway in the 32-team tournament. Hosts Brazil, hosts France, five African nations and three South Americans are also through. Guillermo Amor scrambled in Spain's vital goal in the 76th minute - just a minute after Jozef Majoros had threatened to delay Spanish celebrations by making it 1-1. Kiko Narvarez had headed home an Alfonso Perez cross two minutes into the second half to put Spain

into a deserved lead. And despite a couple of scares as Slovakia pushed forward in the closing minutes, Spain held out to spark celebrations throughout the country. Apart from their penalty shoot-out defeat by England in last year's European championship, Spain last lost in the 1994 World Cup quarterfinals - 2-1 to Italy. They have consistently been superb qualifiers for recent tournaments and this time will hope to reproduce that winning formula when it really matters. Georgia's victory over Moldova in Chisinau was marred by three red cards. Newcastle midfielder Timur Ketsbaia got the only goal after just nine minutes after combining with Archil Arveladze but the game turned nasty after an hour when Georgian defender Kaha Koladze was sent off for a bad tackle from behind. Ten minutes later Moldovan captain Alexandr Curtinau and Georgian striker Georgy Kiknadze followed him into the tunnel after an exchange of punches. The night's other game, also in group six, saw a weakened Czech Republic beat Malta 1-0 in Valletta. Radek Bejbl scored the goal in the 32nd minute when he headed home a Vladimir Smicer cross. Malta are still searching for their first point after nine games but the Czechs, who now have 13, can leapfrog Slovakia and finish third if they beat their neighbors in their last game. That is on October 11, when all the European groups will be settled.

Sampras beats Mantilla, Becker bows out

MUNICH (Reuters) - World No. 1 Pete Sampras began yesterday what could be his most lucrative week of the year, overcoming a brave challenge from Felix Mantilla to reach the second round of the Grand Slam Cup. Sampras, appearing for the sixth time in the \$6 million event for the top performers from all four grand slams, beat the in-form Spaniard 6-4 3-6 6-2 to make sure of at least \$750,000 in prize money. The American now meets Swede Jonas Bjorkman, who silenced the 8,000 fans packing Munich's Olympic Hall by crushing Boris Becker 6-3 6-2 in what was billed as the German's last appearance in a major event. Sampras, the Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, earned \$250,000 for reaching the quarter

finals plus a \$500,000 bonus for his two grand slam wins. Sampras, eager to bounce back after his shock fourth round exit to Czech Petr Korda at the US Open, has won more money in the Grand Slam Cup than any other player. The 1990 winner had earned \$5.39 million in the Munich tournament alone before this year, which is nearly 20 percent of his career earnings of \$27.46 million. Becker, who won the event last year, was a shadow of his brilliant best, bowing out after 69 minutes of a one-sided match against Bjorkman. "Obviously I thought I had a chance before the match," said Becker, who has played little competitive tennis since his emotional farewell to Wimbledon in July. "But I haven't played a serious tournament for over two and a half

Beersheba: Tabak comes straight back

By DEREK FATTAL

In a dramatic turnaround yesterday evening, Hapoel Beersheba chairman Eli Lahav decided to retain the services of coach Benny Tabak notwithstanding the team's appalling 7-2 league defeat on Tuesday to current champions Bnei Sakhnin. The result, coming straight on the heels of a 4-1 home loss in the UEFA Cup to Holland's Roda JC Kerkrade had prompted the club to accept a resignation that would have made Tabak the first managerial casualty of the current National League season. In the end the club balked at the prospect of paying compensation to Tabak, and this, rather than a sudden restoration of faith seems to be the key reason for his continued presence at the club. Former Beersheba player Dov Remler looked to be the man most likely to take over the side which currently lies one place above the

relegation zone. With the southerners due to play Roda again in a week's time on Dutch soil, the club could soon be in for another hiding. Before that, Tabak has to rekindle the spark amongst his side for the weekend's league fixture against Hapoel Haifa, the side now coached by Eli Guttman, the man who guided Beersheba to victory in last season's State Cup final. In other news, the samba party has come to an end at bottom-placed Hapoel Kfar Sava. The club have decided to dispense with the three Brazilian imports signed by coach Avi Cohen over the summer. The trio have been given a one-way ticket back to Rio. The Kfar Sava management - no doubt impressed by the success of Bnei Sakhnin's Hungarian players - are now looking at a number of players in Budapest in the hope of stemming the run of losses which has left the club with three points from six matches.

Bnei Sakhnin, Taiba punished by IFA

By ORI LEWIS

Hapoel Taiba and Hapoel Bnei Sakhnin, the two Second Division clubs whose match was abandoned on Saturday following a riot at Sakhnin's ground, have each received a four-match radius penalty to be played behind closed doors following a decision made yesterday by the IFA's disciplinary committee. The match was abandoned by the referee in the 23rd minute with Bnei Sakhnin leading 1-0 after rival supporters began throwing missiles at each other, making it impossible for the match to be restarted. About a dozen spectators required hospital treatment and 15 were arrested.

ed following the disturbance. The IFA decided that the result of the match should be a goalless draw, although neither side will receive any league points for the (lack of) effort. Second Division revised standings

Table with 11 columns: Club, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Lists teams like Hapoel Be'er Sheva, Hapoel Haifa, etc.

SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER - Results yesterday: Premier League Arsenal 4, West Ham 0; Coventry 1, Crystal Palace 1; Leicester 1, Blackburn 1; Manchester United 2, Chelsea 2; Newcastle 1, Everton 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Derby 2; Southampton 0, Leeds 2. Division One: Queens Park Rangers 1, Portsmouth 0. Scottish premier division: Kilmarnock 0, Rangers 3. League Cup second round, second leg: Stoke 2, Barnsley 0 (Stoke advance 6-0 on aggregate); Walsall 2, Nottingham Forest 2 after extra time (190 mins 0-1, Walsall advance 3-2); Wolverhampton 1, Fulham 0 (Wolverhampton advance 2-1).

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Weekender

Enemies of our people

Antisemites, Islamic fundamentalists and the terrorist Carlos featured in movies at the Toronto film festival

By Pearl Sheffy Giffen

Two high-profile world premieres at this month's Toronto International Film Festival vividly reflected the Jewish experience. One echoed the past, the other tackled terrorism.

The Assignment, a taut thriller about the hunt for arch-terrorist Carlos and filmed partly in Israel, an American diplomat says, "It's not our fight." A CIA agent snaps back, "Terrorism is a growth industry. It's us too."

Directed by Canadian Christian Duguay, from a script by Israelis Dan Gordon and Sabi Shahtai, *The Assignment* stars Aidan Quinn, as an American officer on leave in Israel, initially suspected of being contemptible Carlos by the Mossad (Ben Kingsley) and the CIA (Donald Sutherland), who are then recruited to help catch him. Their performances are superb.

Quinn was filmed in Israel during a suicide bombings, bringing a story chillingly close to reality. Kingsley says he has met some ex-Mossad agents, and "my character in the film is a conglomeration of all of them, agents who love their work and are driven to catch their victims because their victims usually beco Israeli women children."

More controversial was the festival's closing-night gala, *Seven Years in Tibet*, which its director Jean-Jacques Annaud calls "a film about redemption." Stars Brad Pitt as real-life mountaineer Heinrich Harrer.

The \$70 million epic caused a storm when Harrer's Nazi past was revealed in the German magazine *Stern* after filming. Leading Annaud to some of the dialogue.

Harrer apparently underwent a moral transformation when he tutored the young Dalai Lama in the 1940s. There is concern that the dreamy Brad Pitt playing an anti-Nazi might whitewash the Holocaust.

Redemption was also the theme of Daniel Petrie's darkly poetic adaptation of Bernard Malamud's novel, *The Assistant*, one of several remarkable Canadian films at the festival.

Michael Mueller-Stahl plays the Jewish grocer who is the victim of a vicious antisemitic act. A drifter caught up in the incident returns to the grocery to do penance. Petrie says he has been enraptured by the story for years because of its universal theme of love, moral courage and forgiveness.

Malamud gave and then withdrew the original option on his book. He had hated the screenplay of his Pulitzer prize-winning novel *The Fixer*. The delay



CIA agent Donald Sutherland (left) and the Mossad's Ben Kingsley (center) suspect that Aidan Quinn is Carlos in 'The Assignment.'

meant Dustin Hoffman, who had agreed to play the drifter, was not available. Gil Bellows won the part.

Two intriguing films were made by Jewish writers-turned-directors. David Mamet, in a rare public appearance, brought *The Spanish Prisoner*, an unusually light-hearted thriller by the somber author of *Glengarry Glen Ross*. It brings together Steve Martin (charming, evil and not funny), Campbell Scott, and Mamet's wife, Rebecca Pidgeon, in an ingenious con game with Mamet's familiar themes of loyalty, betrayal and trust underlying the fun. Mamet says he aims to entertain. "They say you can't cheat an honest man, so I was looking at the flaw in an otherwise excellent man which made him fall for the con."

Mamet writes his own screenplays but avoids making film versions of his stage plays "because I'm sick of them." He has just written a novel on the Leo Frank affair (the true story of an Atlanta Jew unjustly accused of rape and lynched in 1915).

Ariel Dorfman, Chilean author of *Death and the Maiden*, personally delivered his directorial debut (and exuberant personality) to the festival. *My House Is on Fire*, based on his novel, is a joint project with his son Rodrigo (they also co-wrote the BBC film *Prisoners of Time*).

It's only 18 minutes long, but it riveted viewers by its portrayal of two children of illegal immigrants "waiting for the enemy" to deport them.

The Dorfman's transposed the setting from South America to North Carolina, where Ariel is a professor at Duke University, to underline the pervasive tragedy of terrified youngsters all over the world. "These could be two Jewish children under the Nazis or in Arab countries, or Palestinian children, or Mexican illegals in the US."

The father-son team have also co-written a play based on the elder Dorfman's novel *Mascara*, which they expect to be produced in Israel because "it's the story of a man who comes out of victimhood, who wants to be a winner, not a sucker, and Israel is much like that."

A German director brought a film which tries to eliminate "the awful gap in German culture left by the Nazi destruction of the Jewish community." Peter Sehr's *Obsession* is permeated with Jewish characters and Yiddish words. Sehr, who was born in Germany in 1951, says that "like most central Europeans, I had a Jewish great-grandmother."

He states that "Post-war German cinema has feared to portray Jews outside the historical context of the Nazis. Mine is the first film to break that taboo. The enormous contribution of German Jews before the war was suddenly gone, and my generation feels this terrible loss far more than our parents did. It has made Germany a cultural desert."

"Film can pretend something is there which isn't yet, and we hope that reality will catch up with fiction. Jewish life is a small plant starting to grow again in Berlin, with the influx of thousands of Soviet Jews."

Sehr adds wryly, "Some of the immigrants are ooo-Jews who paid to get their passports stamped 'Jewish' because as Jews they could get into Germany. That is such an irony of history."

A SIMPLER view of Jewish reality is evident in an American documentary, Ira Wohl's *Best Man*. It's a sequel, 20 years later, to Wohl's *Best Boy*, which told the story of the director's middle-aged, mentally retarded cousin, Philly.

It won an Oscar in 1980 after it was voted most popular film at the 1979 Toronto film festival.

The new film documents Philly, now 70, as he prepares for the bar mitzva he never had because, says Wohl, "when he was 13, retarded kids were viewed as crazy. But Philly has made a great success of his life."

Many of the films this year focused on human relationships, a welcome respite from the recent rash of gratuitous violence pouring out of Hollywood.

Piers Handling, director of the Toronto festival, says his programmers look for films "that are original, challenging, and reflect the society of the filmmakers."

The eclectic range of this year's 281 films from 58 countries often met these criteria. They included Egyptian director Yousef Chahine's *Destiny*, a courageous film attacking Islamic fundamentalists, which has earned its creator some death threats.

As part of *Planet Africa*, Shirikiana Aina, director of

Through the Door of No Return, delivered a moving indictment of slavery, which she calls the African Holocaust.

A spotlight on Balkan cinema surveyed films from that troubled region.

Several Asian films dealt with the handover of Hong Kong to China, including Wayne Wang's *The Chinese Box*, starring Jeremy Irons and Gong Li.

Robert Duvall's Oscar-calibre performance as a self-righteous preacher in *The Apostle* was only one of his tasks in the film: he wrote, directed, produced and paid for it himself. He says the Toronto festival is "the world's best for finding distribution."

There were two fine films adapted from Henry James novels. *Washington Square* was directed by Agnieszka Holland and stars Jennifer Jason Leigh. In *The Wings of the Dove*, Helena Bonham Carter plays the morally mixed-up heroine.

Holland says James might not match the recent Jane Austen mania "because he is more serious."

Two films with Israeli connections were Amos Kollek's *Sue*, set in New York, and *Marquise*, a lush French epic starring the luscious Sophie Marceau and co-produced by Israeli Shimon Arama.

The only official Israeli entry was Ulrike Ottinger's *Exile Shanghai*, a German-Israeli co-production already screened at the Jerusalem film festival. The film, nearly five hours long, details the gripping story of the German, Austrian and Russian Jews who fled the Nazis to wartime Shanghai, the only place open to them.

Hot tip

By Helen Kaye

Tel Aviv

THE High Holy Days are fast approaching and department stores all over the country have put on tempting displays of possible holiday gifts, especially housewares. If you're into gorgeous ceramics, pots and pans and so forth, now's the time. Well, you can at least look can't you?

Nahlat Binyamin, the street parallel to the Carmel Market - always picturesque - has a handicrafts fair every Tuesday and Friday, which includes a Beduin tent where you can watch the women knead, then bake those skinny big pitot. Then they'll slather one with

labaneh, olive oil and za'atar (hyssop) for you. Ymm! There's also a neat string quartet playing in the street.

IT wasn't built for that space, but Rafi Peled's whimsical sculptures all made from stuff the Israel Electric Corporation uses at work is on display at the Mann Auditorium plaza in Hahimah Square.

Peled is the CEO of the company, and employees enthusiastically made the pieces according to his drawings in their spare time.

They were first displayed at the Israel Festival.

NOW that MTV has decided to pull the plug on two of its most infamous sons, you might get oostalgic for Beavis and Butthead.

THE Scotsman gave it four stars. I know, because Jonathan Tcherich showed me the review of his one-man tour de force *Mr. V* at the Edinburgh Festival this year.

It's an intimate look at Mordechai Vanunu, traitor or patsy depending on your point of view.

It's in Hebrew at the Fringe Center at Tzavta tonight at 8:30. (03) 695-01567.

Jerusalem

THE Pargod Theater, 94 Bezalel (02) 623-2646 has a free jam session tomorrow afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30.



Danny Sanderson performs at the Ein Hod amphitheater tomorrow.

CONCERTICHO is a brunch- (or coffee-) time chamber concert performed by some of the many musicians from Russia who didn't make it into the bigger orchestras, or who were fired when the Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency stopped paying their salaries.

NOBEL Prize-winner S.Y. Agnon is one of the city's most famous sons.

He lived in Jerusalem all his life and most of his many stories have Jerusalem as their background. Tomorrow at 1 p.m. the Khan Theater's deft, moving, beautifully acted *Darling Estherlein* (Hebrew) shows us Agnon the man, the father and the husband.

The play also portrays the author, because it's adapted by director Yoram Falk from the letters Agnon wrote his beloved wife over 50 years. It's part of Agnon Week. Tickets (02) 671-8281.

And points beyond

THE amazing Danny Sanderson (the spirit of the marvelous and oow sadly defunct Kaveret) is back with *Sanderson*, which is billed as stand-up rock, or Danny and a combo. He wrote the words and the music. Tomorrow at the amphitheater in Ein Hod (04) 984-2029 at 10 p.m.

A jazz 'playground'

By Heidi J. Glett

Amic Lawrence wants to give the world better music. And he's improving Jerusalem's night-life in the process.

Lawrence is creating a "playground" for the students of the Gabriel Sherover International Center for Creative Music, which he is opening in Jerusalem in January. This is intended to be a venue for the musicians he's bringing from around the world to teach seminars at the school on subjects ranging from jazz and classic composition to world music and stage presence.

"In the process of putting together the center, I wanted to make sure that there's a good playground for [international and local jazz artists]," Lawrence explained, adding, "Hopefully we'll have some of the great names in jazz coming."

Lawrence's playground, otherwise known as Jazz at the Khan, also is becoming a venue for those who have been searching for a place in Jerusalem to eat and listen to good music: over drinks and delicious food.

Every night from 10 Lawrence and his saxophone are joined by Israeli musicians at Pesto, the restaurant in the Khan Theater. Lawrence and his colleagues play till midnight (and sometimes later) to a small crowd consisting of theater-goers, musicians and whoever else has heard about the nightly jam sessions and wandered in.

Low-key, highly performed are a great alternative to the ear-splitting noise at most Jerusalem bars. Instead of shouting at your friends over the loud and monotonous beat of whatever's coming out of the stereo speakers and inhaling

you can enjoy a glass of wine and conversation, or just listen to the band's intricate. Though the conversation flowed as downed salads, pizza, pasta and chicken, it was clearly on the music. And while the drinks and mixed drinks cost from NIS 12 to 15 and pizzas go for about NIS 15-20, the prices for the more substantial chicken and fish entrees range from NIS 15 to NIS 60.

Lawrence has featured musicians such as drummer Kaminski, whom Lawrence calls "the greatest Israeli drummer," and Daniel Ben-Zion, Kaminski and Ben joined Eli Magen of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Avishai Cohen, whose music is attracting increasing attention in the international jazz scene, for a special concert in the Khan Club, a small, intimate venue in the Khan Theater, last month.

Lawrence has similar concerts in the future, such as Barry Harris, who he's trying to bring here to perform in the Khan. He also is hoping to bring the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, which he founded in New York, to Jerusalem. Traveler and Spin Doctors will be in the Khan's club, and the Khan Club, a small, intimate venue in the Khan Theater, last month.

Lawrence's next special concert is scheduled for October 10 in the Khan. The music there is worth hearing.

writers on my mind

Author and TV personality Amnon Dankner discusses his favorite writers

Amnon Dankner is currently on a two-month leave between jobs. Having left *Ha'aretz* to join the staff of *Ma'ariv*, he has been busy working on various projects, the specifics of which he would not reveal.

A prolific author of articles, plays and books, Dankner is a regular panelist on Channel 1's popular show *Popolitica*, as well as co-host of *Lapidankner*, where he debates with *Ma'ariv* columnist Yosef (Tommy) Lapid on the issues of the day. He is particularly known for his controversial biography of Dahn Ben-Amotz - in which he exposed the sexual behavior of many well-known figures in Israeli society - and his recent screenplay "monodrama" of the life of Menachem Begin, scheduled to be released this winter.

1. P.G. Wodehouse
"I've read all his books and consider him one of the great humor writers of all time (in spite of accusations of his collaboration with the Nazis). I am especially fond of the Jeeves stories which, at first glance, appear to be frivolous but are filled with black humor."

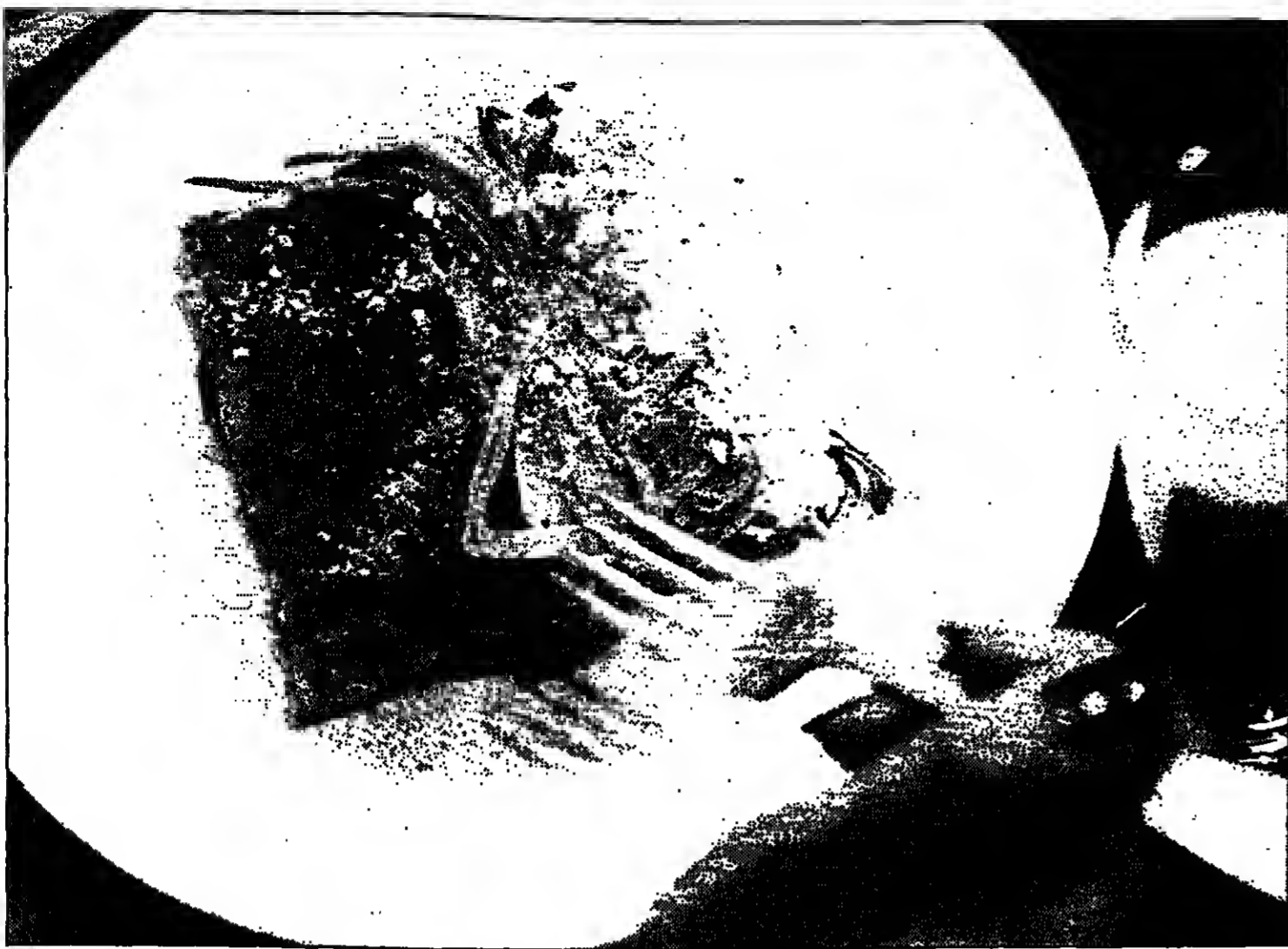
2. S.Y. Agnon
"For obvious reasons, I will only name a deceased Israeli writer as a favorite. Otherwise, I'd offend half of my friends!"
"When I was a boy, my parents owned a cafe in Jerusalem. One day, I accidentally spilled tea on a regular patron. That patron happened to be S.Y. Agnon, and he responded by slapping me. After that, I hated studying Agnon in school. (The only other slap I ever received was from Gershom Scholem, when I was 17)."

3. e.e. cummings
"He is the only poet whose poems strike me as the kind I would write if I were a poet. I know a lot of his works by heart. In fact, I recite them aloud in the shower and while driving in my car."

4. Franz Kafka
"I first encountered his work as a teenager when *Ma'ariv* published *The Trial*. When I came across it in the bookstore, I thought it was a detective story, both because of its title and its soft cover. It looked like a Dashiell Hammett novel."
"But then I read it and it changed my life. Together with Agnon, Kafka had the greatest influence on me. Although Agnon claims not to have been influenced by Kafka, I think he was lying."

5. Jules Renard
"I was introduced to this author when I was given a book called *Francois, Carrot Top* for my ninth birthday. I have read this book more than any other."
"It's not really for kids, though it's about a child in a monstrous family situation, with a dominant mother and weak father. This author saved me a lot of money in psycho-analysis fees."

"Like a pair of old slippers, this book - which taught me about the magic of literature, in its ability to analyze life as you go along - is something I slip into regularly."
- Ruthie Blum



Provide a first course that encourages your guests to interact.

(Los Angeles Times)

How to throw great parties

What makes a great party? It's a more philosophical question than one might think.

To simply gather people into a room and supply them with food and drink isn't enough. Those who are theatrically inclined and in the habit of curating the evening as if it were an art happening know that great parties are a mix of the practical and the unexpected.

Fred Eric, for one, could write the book on dining as performance art. As chef-owner of Vida in Los Angeles, he elevates meals into events, and he says it takes a lot less effort than you might think.

You've got to have your signature centerpiece dish and some pre-feast easy-to-carry-while-conversing nibbles (suitably salty and/or sweet).

On a recent summer afternoon, Eric assembled a tropical fantasy in the elegant bento box of a private party pad, which he calls the Chado Room, set to a sliver of space behind Vida's bar.

In the food department, there was an overstuffed barge of a tray stuffed with what Eric calls "booster sticks" — vegetable skewers, vegan spring rolls, piles of fried rice oodles and dishes of spicy sauces — finger-food appetizers that Eric originally designed to fit into a "booster box" (he says that when the wooden booster seats he had designed for his restaurant went unused he improvised and turned the seats into serving trays).

"A good party," Eric says, "has to start with the people involved, inviting a mix of people who will get along, but also people who would not often normally be together."

Using something like the booster seats is key. It's important in the first course that there is something that people have to share. That way they have to interact. Here are a few of Eric's party recipes:

VEGETABLE SKEWERS
Eric's oil-vegetable take on shish kebabs can be dipped in any of several sauces. Eric suggests his Thai'd duck dressing, sweet-and-sour dressing and tangy dressing. If using wooden skewers, soak skewers in cool water for 20 minutes.

3 red bell peppers, seeded and quartered
4 small zucchini, cut into thirds
6 yellow squash, halved crosswise
12 crimini mushrooms
12 spears asparagus, top half only
2 bunches green onions, ends trimmed
2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup olive oil
2 tsp. salt
freshly ground black pepper

Toss bell peppers, zucchini, squash, mushrooms, asparagus and green onions in oil to generously coat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Grill each vegetable on hot grill or stove-top grill pan, turning as necessary, until tender-crisp. Peppers, zucchini and yellow squash take about 10 minutes; mushrooms and asparagus, 4 minutes; green onions, 2 minutes. Let vegetables cool.

Skewer vegetables alternately on each of 12 skewers, making sure at least 1 of each vegetable is on each skewer. (Serves 12.)

CRISPY VEGETABLE ROLLS
Like the vegetable skewers, these rolls are designed for dipping.

Use any of the sauce recipes given here.

The spring rolls are soured rather than deep-fried. Eric uses sesame oil, but the Los Angeles Times Test Kitchen found a combination of sesame oil and peanut or vegetable oil easier to work with. (Sesame oil used on its own burned very quickly and gave the spring rolls a bitter overtaste.) A combination of oils allowed the rolls to reach a higher temperature without burning, while still

ture to cool.

Position wrapper as diamond with pointed end toward counter edge. Brush beaten egg on top corner. Arrange 1/3 cup filling mixture in line 5 cm. from bottom corner. Wrap corner over mixture and pull back to tighten. Fold over two sides and roll to end of wrapper. Repeat with rest of wrappers.

Put 1/4 cup peanut oil and 1 tsp. sesame oil in heated skillet. When oil is hot, add spring rolls in batches, turning until both sides

(Makes about 3 cups.)

THAI'D DUCK DRESSING
Eric created this dressing for his Thai Cobb salad, which uses duck in place of the traditional chicken. The dressing also may be used as a dip for egg rolls and other finger-food appetizers. If you're making the Thai Cobb salad, there should be extra dressing left to use as a dip. The dressing may be made 2 or 3 days in advance.

5 Tbsp. lime juice
7 Tbsp. rice vinegar
5 Tbsp. fish sauce
5 Tbsp. chili paste
2 1/2 tsp. salt
white pepper to taste
5 Tbsp. soy sauce
3 Tbsp. sesame oil
7 Tbsp. peanut oil
3 cups mayonnaise
8 Tbsp. honey
2 egg yolks

Puree lime juice, rice vinegar, fish sauce, chili paste, salt, white pepper, soy sauce, sesame oil, peanut oil, mayonnaise, honey and egg yolks in blender until smooth. (Makes about 6 cups.)

THAI COBB SALAD
Although this Thai Cobb salad is not a difficult recipe, it is time-consuming. Time can be saved by buying an already cooked duck and by buying the wontons already fried and using grated cucumber only instead of making papaya-cucumber mixture. Or simply reduce the number of ingredients in the salad and use what you like best. All of the components can be prepared a day ahead and assembled just before the party.

16 cups spinach
12 slices smoked goose breast, diced
1 cup Thai'd duck dressing
1/2 green papaya, grated (optional)
1/2 red onion, grated
1/4 cucumber, grated
1 green onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup coriander, chopped
1/2 400-gr. package wonton wrappers, cut into 3/4 cm. strips oil
3 Tbsp. chopped garlic
1/3 cup dry roasted peanuts, finely chopped
6 hard-boiled eggs, grated
4 tomatoes, chopped
1 whole prepared Chinese roast duck, deboned and shredded

Wash and dry spinach. Set aside. Sauté diced goose breast in skillet over medium heat, periodically pressing down on it with spatula. Drain off fat as necessary and cook until crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Add spinach, increase heat to high and cook until spinach is slightly wilted, about 2 minutes. Transfer to bowl and stir in Thai'd Duck Dressing. Set aside to cool.

Combine papaya, red onion, cucumber, green onion and coriander. Set aside.

Deep-fry wonton wrappers in a deep skillet of oil heated to 175° until wrappers are golden brown and crisp, about 45 seconds. Set aside.

Heat skillet, add 2 Tbsp. oil and sauté garlic over medium-low heat until golden and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and add peanuts. Set aside.

Assemble salad evenly on 2 platters. Divide spinach, hard-boiled eggs, tomatoes, duck, papaya salad and fried wontons. Layer bottom of each platter with wilted spinach mixture. Put half of eggs, tomato, duck, papaya salad and fried wontons in rows across each platter.

Sprinkle peanut-garlic mixture over salad. Serve each platter with 2 cups duck dressing on the side. (Serves 12.) (Los Angeles Times)



giving them a light sesame flavor. If you're working ahead, the rolls can be assembled several hours before the party but should be soured close to serving time.

5 carrots, finely chopped
salt
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
peanut or vegetable oil
sesame oil
3 large onions, finely chopped
2 green onions, thinly sliced
3 red bell peppers, finely chopped
20 shiitake mushrooms, finely chopped
1 bunch coriander, leaves coarsely chopped
pepper
1 300-gm. package spring roll wrappers
1 egg, beaten

Cook carrots in boiling salted water to cover until tender crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon and refresh in ice water. When cool, remove from water and set aside.

Cook celery in same boiling salted water until tender crisp, about 5 minutes. Drain and refresh in ice water. Drain again and add to carrots.

Put 2 tsp. peanut oil and 2 tsp. sesame oil in large heated skillet. When oil is hot, add onions, green onions and bell peppers. Sauté until tender-crisp, about 4 minutes.

Toss in mushrooms and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add carrots, celery and coriander and stir. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove skillet from heat and allow mix-

are golden brown and crisp, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Add oil between batches as needed. Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately. (Makes 24 rolls.)

TANGY DRESSING
3 Tbsp. fish sauce
2/3 cup rice vinegar
1/4 cup sugar
4 Thai chilis (prik khi nu) or serrano chilis, finely chopped

Whisk together fish sauce, vinegar, sugar and chilis. Use at room temperature. (Makes about 1 cup.)

SWEET & SOUR DRESSING
3 Tbsp. peanut oil
2 Tbsp. chopped garlic
3 Tbsp. chopped ginger root
1 cup rice vinegar
1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. sugar
2 cups vegetable broth
4 tsp. tomato paste
2 green chilis, diced
4 tsp. chili paste
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
3 Tbsp. water

Weekender Food & Drink

Phyllis's Notebook The lure & lore of honey

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

We all know that honey is one of the basic essentials in the Jewish pantry. Its sweetness makes it a traditional food to symbolize a sweet New Year.

But for thousands of years, honey has played a far more complex role in human existence; it was part and parcel of ancient rituals of birth, marriage and death, and was an integral part of folklore and pagan superstition.

Since early man had no idea how honey was produced, he had a mystical belief that it was a sacred substance. Holy places were consecrated with it. Achilles was buried in it. The Assyrians rubbed their dead to beeswax and buried them in honey, so it was in life.

Combined with milk, honey was fed to newborn infants by the ancient Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. Mythological Zeus, the father of the Greek gods, was raised on honey and goat's milk. The combination of milk and honey was soothing and nourishing, and was adopted as a metaphor for richness and plenty. The ancient Land of Israel was called a land of Milk and Honey.

For the ancients, honey also held medicinal value, sustaining the young, the old and the sick. It was used as a treatment for burns and croup, sore throats and diphtheria, in salves, gargles, bandages and dressings.

So when we add honey to our holiday menu, we are fulfilling more than just a Jewish tradition. We join ourselves to the ages-old human heritage.

HONEY TIPS:

You can substitute honey for sugar in a baking recipe, cup for cup, but be sure to reduce the liquid in the recipe by 1/4 cup for every cup of honey used, and add an additional 1/2 tsp. of baking soda for every cup of honey.

Also, bake at a temperature just slightly lower than the instructions call for.

You can also substitute honey for sugar in cookies. In recipes using eggs and no additional liquid, increase the flour in the recipe by 2 Tbsp. per cup of honey, or enough flour to get the desired consistency.

Don't add too much flour, however, or your cookies will come out dry. It's best to add a little and then chill the dough before shaping and baking. If the honey you buy crystallizes, it's actually a good sign. Honey never spoils, but honey that has gone unheated in the production process will tend to crystallize with time.

Use it as is, or heat it gently in the microwave. A slower but more natural method of restoring honey's liquid consistency is by putting some in an open glass (not plastic) container and letting it stand in a pan of hot water until the crystals melt.

The best trick I know for measuring honey is by using the same cup used for measuring oil, or coating a cup or spoon with non-stick oil spray. The honey will slide right out, and the cup will be easier to clean.

CHICKEN IN HONEY-MUSTARD MARINADE
Quantities are for 1.5 kg chicken parts
For the marinade:

3 Tbsp. red or white wine vinegar
3 Tbsp. olive oil
8 garlic cloves, crushed
3 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
4 Tbsp. honey
2 Tbsp. fresh chopped thyme (or 1 Tbsp. dried oregano)
salt & black pepper to taste

Rinse the chicken in cold water, and pour boiling water over it until it's covered. Let stand a few minutes. Pour off most of the water, and clean the chicken thoroughly, scraping with a clean sharp knife until all the pinfeathers are removed. Place the chicken in a glass or non-aluminum baking dish.

Mix together the ingredients for the marinade and rub into the chicken.

HONEY BROWNIES
100g butter or margarine
150g good quality bittersweet chocolate
4 eggs
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup demerara sugar
1/2 cup honey
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. flour
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 170°C. Melt the butter and chocolate over low heat in a heavy saucepan. Beat the eggs and salt in a mixing bowl until light. Add the sugar and honey gradually, beating until the mixture is very light. Add the melted chocolate and butter and vanilla. Stir in the flour. Add the nuts. Pour into a 22-cm square pan, greased and floured or sprayed with non-stick spray. Bake for 45-60 minutes or until done. Cut in squares when cool.



To health and long life

By NOGA TARNOPOLSKY

In our family my mother is famous for her daily cognac. Despite the current popularity among women of breast-feeding, my mother always has divided the tasks: my father enjoys the occasional Davonin and my mother party tonight. I've come to his aid with a long back on the sofa and calling out to whoever is closest. Dear wife, please bring me my cognac.

For as long as I can remember, my mother's habit of drinking cognac has been the source of my admiration. I've always been able to take about 100-150 cc of cognac daily. It is good for you.

You can imagine my excitement when I read in The New York Times and other newspapers began publishing articles, reporting to be based on new scientific research, arguing that wine and wine-based spirits seemed to be beneficial to one's physical well-being. My mother chipped the articles religiously and enjoyed her new status as a vit-

dicated visionary — but the battle wasn't yet won.

Many others, among them prominent politicians from California, America's wine-growing paradise, have tried to pass laws that would characterize wine among the dangerous addictive substances.

"Where does the truth lie?"

A number of scholarly articles published recently appears to tilt the balance definitively toward those who believe wine is beneficial to our health. Dr. Curtis Ellison, head of the preventive medicine and epidemiology department at Boston University's medical school, goes so far as to argue in a recent paper that abstention from alcohol is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease. "With the exception of stopping cigarette smoking," Ellison writes, "the degree of protection against CHD associated with alcohol consumption is greater than that resulting from feasible changes in other lifestyle habits."

The health benefits of drinking wine are the result of antioxidant

properties in certain compounds found in wine. These compounds — phenols — are found in grape skins and seeds and are well known among wine connoisseurs for building subtle flavors, as well as providing good color in wines. Antioxidants "delay the buildup and oxidation of harmful LDL cholesterol in the body, and, over prolonged periods of consumption, protect against atherosclerosis."

A plethora of scientific articles have been published worldwide that corroborate these conclusions. Also cheering for us are the findings of Antonia Tichopoulos, who writes in a recent issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition that the classic Mediterranean diet of her Greek study group — legumes, fruits, vegetables, olive oil and a moderate amount of wine — seems to be a significant factor in the long lives of residents of the Mediterranean basin.

To all those who felt bewildered by the recent statistics regarding longevity in Israel —



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

What is evaporated milk, what can I use it for, and how? How do I preserve it after opening?

— Sara de Barbero, Jerusalem

First of all, there are three different types of evaporated milk: whole, low-fat, and nonfat (skimmed). All have about 60% of the water removed.

They are not sweet like sweetened condensed milk but are richer than regular milk.

Once opened, evaporated milk should be transferred to an airtight container and used within five days.

Undiluted, evaporated milk adds a rich flavor to custards, sauces, soups etc. When mixed with an equal amount of water, it

can be substituted for fresh milk. Some health spas use slightly frozen evaporated milk to make a relatively low-fat dessert topping. Pour the milk into a shallow metal pan and freeze until ice crystals form around the edges.

Use a chilled bowl and beaters to whip the milk until fluffy. Add 2-4 Tbsp. of confectioner's sugar (optional) after it's been beaten. Sprinkle over the top and beat just until incorporated. You can also add 1/2-1 tsp. vanilla to the beating process.

What could I substitute for evaporated milk? Also, how do I cook garbanzo beans so they come out large and soft?

— Dorothy Gale, Jerusalem

As a substitute for evaporated milk, you could try using half milk and half cream or 2/3 cup of milk and 1/3 cup cream.

Some people add baking soda to the water in which they cook beans, but this destroys the B vitamins.

The best thing to do is soak

them overnight, change the water, and cook them until done.

Another method is to soak them overnight, drain, and freeze in an airtight container until needed. This softens the beans and speeds along the cooking process.

The larger the beans before you cook them, the bigger they'll be after you soak them. Also, don't add salt until serving time.

I follow a food plan that excludes refined sugars and white flour. If I bake with an artificial sweetener, how do I figure out the equivalent quantity of sugar?

— Rita Star, Ma'aleh Adumim

It is difficult and sometimes impossible to adjust regular recipes to artificial sweeteners because sugar takes up bulk, helps in browning, etc.

If you read Hebrew, I would suggest you pick up either More Cakes by Hannah Shaulov, which has a few recipes, or one of the Weight Watchers cookbooks, which you can get at most bookstores.

Gan Guru - Australia in Beit She'an

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapira

When Captain James Cook stepped off his ship at Botany Bay in what is now Australia, he asked the Aborigines what they called the strange animal he saw jumping about. They answered "kangaroo," which in their language meant, "we don't know what you're talking about."

That is the first thing we learned about kangaroos from Yehuda, the amiable director of Gan Guru, the Australian wildlife park at Kibbutz Nir David, adjacent to Gan Hashlosha (Sakhna).

The second thing we learned is that the park, which appears from the outside to be the sort of petting zoo primarily of interest to three and four year olds, is a place where adults can also enjoy themselves.

The park has dozens of plants and animal species from Australia and there are plans to acquire more. In the coming year, management hopes the zoo will be among the fewer than 10 around the world authorized to house koalas, the cute little animals that most resemble teddy bears.

The koala, Yehuda explained, sleeps about 20 hours a day and when it is awake eats only the leaves of one specific type of eucalyptus tree. Even then, it may tire of the leaves in one grove and if no other leaves are available, it will simply starve to death.

In order to prepare for the koalas, the park has planted three separate groves of a specific species of blue gum tree, about 1,500 trees altogether.

In the meantime, the main attraction at the park remains the kangaroos. The park has several species, ranging from the small wallabies to the large red-neck species.

Despite their rather fearsome appearance, kangaroos are quite amiable creatures and apparently view humans as some sort of other kangaroo. This makes it quite easy to pet a kangaroo, though their fur is rather stiff and spiky.

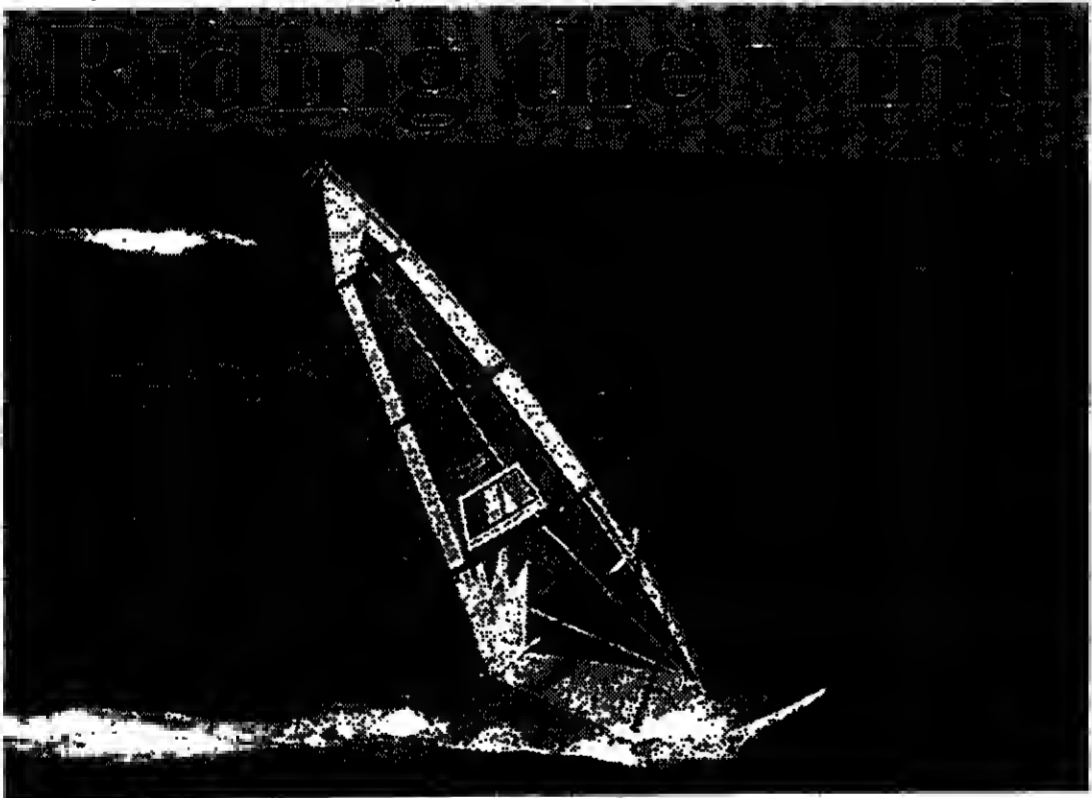
It is not so simple to actually see a baby kangaroo in its mother's pouch, if only because babies are often quite tiny and the nursing mothers tend to be shy.

Perhaps even more impressive than the kangaroos is the large collection of birds, particularly the black swans in the pond at the center of the park. On an island in the pond is a group of non-Australian birds - storks who are recuperating from injuries incurred during their annual migration flights over Israel. But there are plenty of Australian species, from the giant emus and cassowaries to the brightly plumed cockatoos and the small but very loud kookaburra.

One enters Gan Guru from a dirt path just east of the entrance to Gan Hashlosha. It's marked by a giant iron silhouette of a kangaroo. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the entry fee is NIS 16 for adults, NIS 14 for children.



On a Limb



By AMY KLEIN

It's not easy trying to catch the wind. A flag can kiss it, but it only indicates its direction.

Today the wind is at 10 knots; not bad at all for learning how to windsurf.

The object of the game is to gather the wind within the sail to propel the board through the ocean into the horizon. Well, that's where I was headed on my first lesson, since I didn't quite understand how to turn around.

Windsurfing requires a grasp of basic physics. There are many things to remember. First, your back has to face the wind (otherwise when you pick up the sail, the force of the wind will blow you over). Second, the board must head any way except toward the direction of the wind (so there will be wind in the sail). Third and most important, balance is everything.

Let's get started: bathing suit, sunscreen, aquasport shoes, and the windsurf board and sail. Check.

Bring the board out a few meters into the ocean facing northeast. Make sure it's not touching the sand. Stand on the board, a foot on each side of the mast. Knees bent, brace yourself and lean forward, pulling the cord attached to the sail. Don't be surprised if it obstinately clings to the water like a fish niggling on a baited line. Pull the cord up, hand over hand, then

grab the rudder. The sail is up! Holding the sail, feel the wind pushing it and ... and you're in the water, on your back. The sail has fallen on the wrong side of the board. No problem. Start again.

And so it goes. But it's better than falling off a bicycle because it's only water.

The crisp, cold water of Bat Yam is well suited for beginner water sports because Bat Yam has a lagoon. The water is shallow and calm, completely enclosed by reefs. (Tel Aviv's beaches are only partially enclosed.) Laguna, named after the lagoon, is the local windsurfing (and sailing) center.

Israel is a good country to take up windsurfing because you can practice the sport all year round. During the summer and on non-rainy winter days - in a full wet-suit - you can windsurf in Eilat, Netanya and Tel Aviv.

To rent a windsurf board, it costs NIS 60 per hour. For 10 hours, you pay NIS 480. A four-hour basic course costs NIS 280. Three more lessons and you'll be a pro.

I'm getting the hang of it, hanging on to the sail which is perpendicular to the board. The board skirts the tips of the waves, the sail convexly taut. It's a Herculean effort to hold on to the sail and balance the board, but it finally seems worth it as I begin to cruise along.

Someone is waving at me from the shore - a fisherman and his

two kids. Oh, not waving, yelling. I'm scaring the fish away. My instructor comes after me and says I'm ready for the next lesson: How to turn around.

The sail on a windsurf is attached at only one point. It can be swung around in either direction. To make a U-turn, switch places with the sail - like two people awkwardly passing each other in a narrow doorway. It sounds as hard as it is.

I'm behind the sail. I step gingerly around the other side and grab it. I'm turned, ready to go back from whence I came. But I'm not moving. I'm not falling, but I'm not going anywhere, either.

I've caught the wind, says my instructor, which is not good. The wind is tricky. When you catch it, you want to utilize it so it propels you, not hoard it so that it slips off the sail leaving you motionless in the middle of the ocean, looking shipwrecked. Let the rudder fall toward the water so it will give some resistance to the wind.

Where's the high-flying speed? Where's the wind straining my hair, streaked surf-golden by the sun? To me, a fellow student who has just completed his fourth lesson, says windsurfing is one of the best experiences in life.

Apparently, I have a few lessons to go. Until then, all I have are numb arms, an aching back - and a greater understanding of the wind. For more information, call Laguna at (03) 659-9895.



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Bridge 'Tshuva' at the table

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North			
♠	AKQ103	♠	Q98
♥	A1097	♥	J75
♦	KQ76	♦	K852
♣		♣	J108
West			
♠	AK10632	♠	Q98
♥	62	♥	J75
♦	QJ643	♦	K852
♣		♣	J108
South			
♠	J754	♠	Q98
♥	984	♥	J75
♦		♦	K852
♣	A95432	♣	J108
West North East South			
2♠	4♥	pass	1♠
double	4NT	pass	pass
pass	6♣	pass	5♣
(all pass)			7♣

With Rosh Hashana upon us, we all have thoughts of asking forgiveness from our bridge partners. Many times during the year we've said a nasty word or two to our partners, and maybe even worse if we were married to them. I'm not sure you can equate a bridge partnership with a marriage, but there are similarities. The most important element of both may be the willingness of the partners to apologize when things go wrong. This isn't easy at the table, where two opponents (and possibly kibitzers) are watching and listening to your every word. It's unpleasant to "lose face" in front of others. Nevertheless, the top professional partnerships can do it, though they often remain silent after a terrible result rather than apologize.

Silence is not a bad idea, but then your partner (especially if she also happens to be your wife) is apt to say to you, "How can you look at me that way?" or "I know what you're thinking!"

Eddie Kantor, author of the recently published book, *Bridge for Dummies*, once told the story of a husband who brought his wife to tears at the table. She went to the ladies' room to wash her face and he decided to bid her hand for her on the next deal. The opponents were a nice sort and didn't object. He opened the bidding one heart and then picked up her hand and bid two hearts. Then he bid three hearts with his hand and four hearts with

hers. Then he proceeded to play the hand and went down one. At this point his wife returned to the table and he scolded, "How could you raise me to four hearts?!"

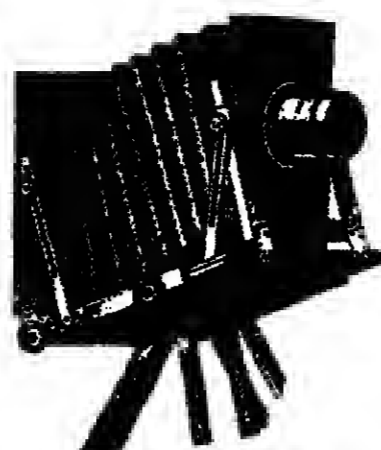
In other sports, when a player drops the ball, a teammate will often give a slap on the back and an encouraging word. Once Kantor was playing in the world championships with Billy Eisenberg, who liked to smoke cigarettes and chew gum at the table. On one deal, Kantor judged poorly in the auction, steering the contract to three notrump, down one, when a contract of four spades would have made. Not wanting Kantor to get upset with himself, Eisenberg told him kindly, "Don't worry, Eddie, it's only one hand." With that, however, Eisenberg took out his chewing-gum wrapper and lit it up.

Today's deal comes from this year's European Team Championships and demonstrates beyond a doubt that bridge is a game that can make fools of us all.

North opened the bidding one heart, and South responded one spade. West overcalled two spades, which most experts play as a natural call. All seemed innocent until North jumped to four spades, confusing everyone. South thought that West's two-spade bid must have been a cuebid, so he passed his partner's four spades. Now West thought that Hanukka had come early. He doubled four spades when he could have passed it out. Four spades by South would have been down six tricks. The double of four spades went on record as candidate for the worst call of the year. North quickly renege to four notrump and South finally got the message: His partner wanted him to bid something. He tried clubs and when his partner raised to slam, he ventured a grand slam.

Needless to say, East-West were in a state of shock. After West led a top spade, 13 tricks were easy. The conversation between East and West after this hand is not recorded for posterity, but one can guess that East was not pleased with the scenario and West felt very embarrassed. Perhaps the best thing West could have said under the circumstances was, "Forgive me, partner." And the best response by East might have been, "I'd have made the same mistake if I were in your shoes." In any case, these are the remarks we would expect from two *tzadikim*.

Matthew Granovetter and his wife have recently written a book called *Forgive Me, Partner!* Readers may contact Granovetter by e-mail at: gran@netvision.net.il



On Camera

Photography, because...

Photographers come out of the darkroom to reveal why picture-taking is important to them

By DAVID BRAUNER

With this column, "On Camera" marks its 100th appearance in *The Jerusalem Post*. To celebrate our centenary, we have asked 100 local and foreign photographers to join us in completing the following statement: "Photography is important to my life because..."

"... it has opened my eyes to see the beauty of nature and allowed me to better understand my fellow human beings."
Jose Nurko, 63, mechanical engineer

"... when I'm photographing, I pay more attention to what I see, so I see more."
Jacqueline Silver, 60, teacher

"... it is the best way for me to explore and let other people discover and feel the beautiful and interesting aspects of our world."
Mikhael Galil, 50+, Jerusalem poet, journalist and photographer who heads TmounArt, a group of photographic teaching and experimentation.



(Above) Photography...because it's living art. Star of David kite in silhouette at the 1997 kite-flying event at the Israel Museum; (right) Photography...because it's fun' for all kite flyers. (David Brauner)

"... in my 65 years as an amateur photographer, I have seen things and images through the viewfinders and lenses of my cameras I might have otherwise missed. I could not forgive myself if I had missed all those beautiful sights."
Hans Reich, 76, retired engineer

"... it soothes my soul."
Ze'ev Gross, 45, attorney, who has had "one photograph published in *The Jerusalem Post*

"... it is a creative occupation."
Givva Kalman, 73, retired construction engineer and bobbyist for 45 years who has had several exhibitions

"... I get a lot of personal satisfaction, a continuous challenge to produce better pictures. And I find it relaxing."
Moshe Taub, 56, a "semi-professional" who started photography at age 15 and is chairman of the Tel Aviv Camera Club.

retrospective exhibition to be shown at the Tel Hai Photo Museum in January 1998.

"... it is the sole income for my family. I feel it is a way to make people happy and challenge oneself incredibly."
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"... it is my profession. I combine news-features with my artistry in many different situations."
Karen Benziar, whose work appears in newspapers and magazines worldwide

"... it relates to my deepest interests and conveys what words cannot express."
Howard Clapsaddle, 54, tour guide and art photographer

"... it gives one the opportunity to capture a fleeting moment for eternity."
M. Bar-On, 61, a "serious amateur"

"... it allows you to freeze a moment - whether that moment is representative of a wider reality or a unique portrait of a situation never to be repeated. But it is that moment which is the defining substance of the image."
David Cohen, 51, Tel Aviv lawyer and prize-winning semi-professional photographer

"... it enables me, in the orange light of the darkroom, to enter the time of past moments, every time - only once."
Erwin Schenkelbach, Jerusalem freelance photographer who has exhibited and published widely

the world of art, living art, creating images for others not just to look at, but to create themselves. It is the unique way I see the world, which I can share with other people."
Michelle Bates, 28, biologist, gallery manager and photographer who has had many exhibitions, currently living in Washington State

"... it's fun. People who are engaged in photography are usually decent, curious, innovative types. It's the best way to get closest to real life and see the world with no retouching."
Israel Talby, 49, widely published Israeli photojournalist currently on assignment for *National Geographic*

"... photography combines my interests in science, history, art and architecture. It continues to be challenging, surprising and unconquerable. Retirement is unthinkable."
Steven Brooke, 53, award-winning Miami-based architectural photographer



And last but not least, Joel Kantor, a lecturer on documentary photography at the Bezalel Academy, sent us, "in answer to our question," a picture of the sea.

"ON CAMERA" thanks all the photographers who participated so generously, the Tel Aviv Camera Club, and the Jerusalem Photography Club for their help.

And to you, our readers, we say, "May the good light be with you always."

Chess Improv in Malmo

By NIGEL SHORT

Is there such a thing as the English school of chess? Of course I don't mean a physical building but a method of playing which somehow defines us as well, English - (I would say "British," but all the top players are English anyway).

At first it would seem unlikely. Consider for a moment the steady play of Michael Adams, the cutting-edge professionalism of Matthew Sadler, or the rampant creativity of Jon Speelman. There is no obvious common chess heritage.

A closer inspection, however, reveals a certain strand which perhaps distinguishes us from our fellow Europeans - a tendency to back it. When Tony Miles defeated Anatoly Karpov in Skara, 1980, with the outlandish 1...a6 and 2...b5 he influenced a generation. As Tony related, the spectators simply burst out laughing when they saw these moves. An enraged Karpov must have felt insulted to be treated so disrespectfully. He tried to punish Miles for his impudence and duly overpressed.

This cunning psychological approach also has the merit of forcing one's opponents to stop relying on theory and start thinking for themselves - an odious task for most people.

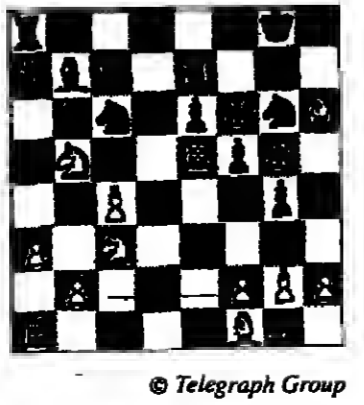
A good example of the improvisatory method is Miles's victory against Hellsten in Malmo last year.

unluckily, only causes the disintegration of his own proud pawn structure. 11. d5 Ng6 12. Bf1 g4 13. Nd4 Bxe5 14. dxe6 Qf6 15. Bxb6 Re8 16. Nd5 16. exd7 Nxd7 17. Nd5 Ne5 or 17...Rxd7 would allow a substantial black initiative. 16...dxe6 17. Qd2 Ne6 18. Qg5. Now 18...Rac8 would lead to a sizable advantage for black, but here comes the blunder 18...Re7?? 19.Rxe5!

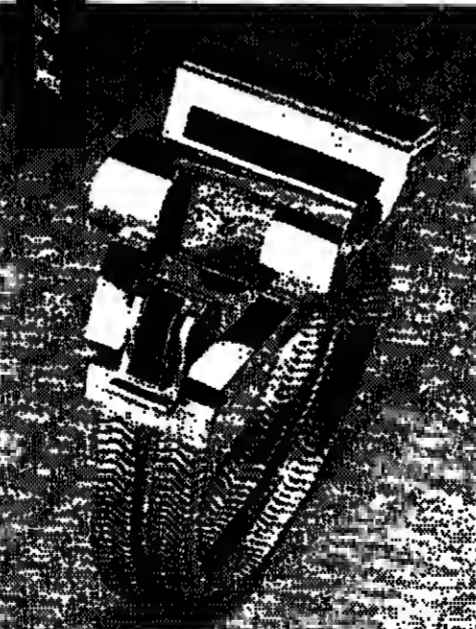
Ouch! 19...Kf7! 19...Qxg5 20. Bxg5 Nxe5 21. Bxe7 Nxe7 22. Re1 followed by 23. Nxe7 is awful, so Miles continues as if nothing has happened. 20. Re1 a6! Winning back some material. White still has an indisputable advantage, of course, but probably he became totally discombobulated by the *sang froid* of his opponent. Now 21. Qe1 intending Bg5 is worth considering as is 21. Nxe7. 21. Rad1? axb5 22. cxb5? Nxe5 23. Qxh6+ Kxh6 24. Be3 Nf7 25. Be4 Rh8 26. g3? Unnecessarily weakening. 26...Nd6 27. Ba2 Bf3 27...Rxb2 28. Nd5+! would be a good response. Now, however, it is a serious threat. 28. b4 Nxb4 29. Nd5+ Kf7! 29...exd5? 30. Bd4+ 30. Bd4 30. Nxe7 Ng6 leads to mate. 30...Rh6 31. Rd3 exd5 32. Rxe7+ Kxe7 33. Re3+ Kd7 34. gxb4 Rxb4 35. Rxf3 gxh3. With some ingenuity white has avoided mate. The reward for his labors is, alas, nothing but a hopelessly lost endgame. 36. Bf6 Re4+ 37. Kf1 Ke6 38. Bd8 Nxb5. White understandably decided to call it a day.

White: Hellsten
Black: Miles
Malmo, 1996

1. d4 e6 2. c4 b6 3. a3 g6. Already the game has departed from the well-trodden paths. White must consider how to best develop his pieces. 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. Nf3 Ne7 6. e4 Bb7 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 f5! Undermining the impossible pawn center. 9. e5 b6 10. Re1 g5. Creeping around the outside. In accordance with general principles, white now makes an aggressive-looking central thrust which,



Cartier: 150 years in time



By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Queen Elizabeth has one, not to mention entertainer Elton John and supermodel Iman Bowie. Dynamite inventor and founder of the Nobel Prizes, Alfred Nobel had one. Silent-screen heart-throb Rudolph Valentino and Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis also had one. The not-so-common common denominator of all of them is a Cartier timepiece.

Cartier, the prestigious firm of jewelers and watchmakers, founded in 1847 by Louis-Francois Cartier, is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a series of traveling exhibitions, one of which is on display until Friday at Padani, its Israel representative.

The exhibition valued at over five million Swiss francs (NIS 11.9 million), opened at Padani's main showroom in Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, last Thursday. Together with Cartier merchandise, which Padani already has in stock, the exquisite collection is worth around \$7m, and is, not surprisingly, under heavy guard.

Eric Nussbaum, curator of the Cartier collection and in charge of Cartier's archives and new acquisitions, accompanied the exhibition to Israel. "We didn't bring our birthday cake, because we didn't want to light 150 candles. It would have been too hot," he quipped.

The collection, which Nussbaum always carries with him as hand luggage in flight, includes ornate, jeweled bracelet-watches; ring watches,

pendant watches; brooch watches and clocks. For anyone who may have previously thought that a watch is a watch is a watch, this is a real eye-opener, with a wide range of styles and shapes in varying degrees of opulence. Nussbaum defines 50 of the pieces brought to Tel Aviv as "exceptional."

Responsible for the Cartier collection since 1968, Nussbaum has in recent years been allocated "a very comfortable budget for acquisitions." The complete collection, which is headquartered in Geneva, was started 20 years ago with fewer than 100 pieces. Now there are over 1,500.

Nussbaum chases historic Cartier pieces around the world, sometimes buying them from auctions, sometimes from private collectors and sometimes from the heirs of the people for whom they were originally created.

"The collection in Geneva is a museum collection," he says, "but we don't have a museum as yet."

Cartier maintains design studios in Paris, London and New York.

Nussbaum can easily reel off names of the rich and famous who own Cartier watches, but he was at a loss when it came to listing Israelis in that category.

Discreet as all quality jewelers should be, several members of the Padani clan came partially to his rescue by announcing that the whole Padani family wears Cartier.



An eye on the times, from Cartier's 150th anniversary exhibition: (Top left) lady's two-color gold and ruby-set bracelet-watch, 1938; (center) lady's gold bracelet-watch, 1956, bought by Jerry Lewis in the '60s; (above) Chinoiserie repeating clock, 1930, once owned by Alfred Nobel. (Left) That's a Cartier on the right wrist of Rudy Valentino in 1926's *Son of the Shick*.



The IPO Winds open the Tel Aviv Museum's chamber-music season on Saturday.

CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT The chamber-music season of the Tel Aviv Museum opens Saturday (8:30) with a concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Winds...

ETHNIC HELEN KAYE Yair Dillal's Najema ensemble is an eclectic East/West mix 'n' match of music and vocals. At Tzavta Tel Aviv on Saturday at 9 p.m.

FILM ADINA HOFFMAN *** TREES LOUNGE -- Most often typecast as a fink, a loser, or worse, Steve Buscemi makes no attempt in this film, his writing/directing/starring debut, to buff or alter his image.

DANCE HELEN KAYE The Israel Ballet's Cinderella, choreographed by Berta Yampolsky to Prokofiev's lovely music, is at Beit Levanon at Kfar Menahem tonight at 6:30 p.m.

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Court: Parents can't choose euthanasia for son

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Supreme Court yesterday overturned a decision by the Tel Aviv District Court allowing the parents of a critically ill eight-year-old to turn down life-prolonging surgery for the boy.

The parents plan to appeal today to delay implementing the ruling and to ask for another hearing before a larger bench.

A three-member panel headed by Justice Theodor Or accepted the appeal by the attorney-general against the lower court's decision. Attorney Rachel Zakai-Neuman, who appeared on behalf of the State Attorney's Office, said that "the sanctity of life" was paramount.

If the child could talk, he would no doubt ask to remain

alive, she said.

She also questioned whether the parents would have requested to prevent the surgery if the boy wasn't mentally retarded.

The parents' lawyer, Yitzhak Hoshen, rejected the comment, saying the parents had cared for the boy devotedly and only realized recently that his condition was terminal.

Hoshen also expressed "shock and dismay" over the ruling.

"This will probably be an ongoing battle now," he added. "One judge will say one thing and another will say something else."

In their appeal to the district court, the parents sought to prevent doctors from inserting a permanent catheter for dialysis to extend the life of their son

who is suffering from kidney failure.

The boy, who also has cerebral palsy, is hospitalized at the Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikva. He continues to be connected to other life-support systems.

The parents were supported by medical opinion given by Prof. Yitzhak Vinograd, chief of pediatric surgery at Assaf Harofeh hospital.

Vinograd said there was little likelihood of finding a kidney donor for the boy, given a general shortage of organs.

"There is a principle of sanctity of life but, in this case, the child's life is not real living and he must not be forced to continue to suffer," Vinograd told the Tel Aviv court.

Electricity increases 2.6%; IEC demands higher rise

By DAVID HARRIS

Electricity prices will increase by 2.59 percent from October 1, according to a decision made yesterday by the Public Utilities Authority - Electricity.

Israel Electric Corporation's reaction to the move was swift and angry.

The IEC had called for an 11% increase, and said it would contemplate legal action if the authority and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon are not prepared to alter the decision.

The price of electricity will rise to 27.707 agorot per kilowatt hour, compared to the current 27.086 agorot.

Electric Corp. chairman Gad Ya'acobi and director-general

Rafi Peled also said they are extremely concerned by the authority's decision to alter the method for working out electricity tariffs in the short term, and to completely revamp the method of calculation from January 2000.

Without the changes introduced yesterday, the electricity tariff would have been increased by 3.1% to 27.922 agorot. This too would have been an insufficient increase, they said.

"Our initial feeling is that this is likely to have a dangerous, negative effect," said Ya'acobi. "It is likely we'll reach a stage where this decision causes a non-encouraging influence on raising capital."

"The new tariff is good for the consumer," argued the head of

the authority's economics department Moshe Tsur. "Our role is to create a sense of competition in an industry where there is no competition."

Peled claimed that approximately 70% of company expenditures cannot be reduced by the authority-demanded efficiency measures.

The purchase of fuel and coal is not dependent on economics at home, said Peled, who questioned the accuracy of the authority's decision and the statistics it had used for the calculation.

Company directors are scheduled to meet today to discuss their next step and to consider the proposals in greater detail, before holding talks with Sharon and the authority.

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. A slight drop in temperatures.

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Copenhagen	09	15	48	59	W, light
Frankfurt	10	18	50	64	W, light
Geneva	13	20	55	68	W, light
Helsinki	02	10	36	50	W, light
Hong Kong	25	27	77	81	W, light
Jakarta	24	30	75	86	W, light
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Osaka	18	24	64	75	W, light
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Rome	14	22	57	72	W, light
Stockholm	08	16	46	61	W, light
Sydney	10	18	50	64	W, light
Tel Aviv	17	25	63	77	W, light
Toronto	03	11	37	52	W, light
Vancouver	10	18	50	64	W, light
Zurich	07	15	45	59	W, light

UIA reassessing relations with Jewish Agency

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The board of the United Israel Appeal, meeting here yesterday, gave notice that it wants to evaluate its relationship with the Jewish Agency, without indicating the director in which it was aiming.

Under a contract signed in 1994, UIA has an "exclusive" tie with the agency, meaning that the agency is the sole Israeli recipient of money raised by United Jewish Appeal and the 170-plus federations. The contract, however, included a provision to review that bond within three years.

"I don't think any of this is aimed at the Israeli government," said Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the UIA, which is the last link in the chain that transfers the federation funds to Israel.

But, she told reporters, the recent disturbances at the Western Wall, when Reform and Conservative Jews attempted to hold services at which men and women prayed together, offended some Americans and "created problems in the federations and among their donors."

The Americans appear committed to the Jewish Agency, noting that it has reinvented its missions over time, as needs have changed, and provides the arena for Diaspora

Jews to participate in Israeli life. However, they acknowledged that Israelis do not share their devotion to the institution.

Some federations, which already have direct links to Israeli programs, are formally seeking to cut the exclusive bond with the agency and have the option of financing alternative Israeli projects directly. Others are dissatisfied with the agency's inflexibility, Cardin said. They are also looking for new ways on how to have an impact in Israel, now that immigration figures have declined.

American communal officials would not comment about how funding patterns would change, but there are numerous scenarios. One suggestion, for example, was for UIA to cut its allocation to the agency, and divide the rest between the Reform and Conservative movements, or provide it to the Joint Distribution Committee. However, Cardin said, the review of the agency-UIA contract is not an opening for the organization to support, say, the New Israel Fund.

On the semantic-symbolic front, the word "Diaspora" has been given the boot; the UIA will now refer to "world Jewish communities." Also, Cardin said, a new name is needed for the agency. For the nonce, "I am calling it the New Jewish Agency."



The milk of champions
Ayelet Atias, a visitor to yesterday's national milking contest at the Mikve Yisrael agricultural school, poses with the champion cow Arafela, who has produced more than 196,000 liters of milk over 19 years. (Ilan Osevedyver/Israel Sun)

Bitter rivalry poisons Histadrut-Na'amat ties

"[Histadrut chairman] Amir Peretz wants an obedient little doll whom he can control at the head of Na'amat. He knows that I'm not that kind of woman, and I will never be, and therefore, he is doing anything he can to get rid of me."

That's how Na'amat chairwoman Ofra Friedman explains the ferocity with which Peretz fought to have her removed from the Histadrut executive, in a vote he pushed through the organization's parliament on Tuesday.

Peretz did so with the explanation that Friedman broke ranks when Na'amat day care centers did not agree to follow the orders of the Histadrut committee ordering a series of labor sanctions.

The committee ordered workers to stay home from 8-10 AM last Thursday, but Na'amat workers showed up at their jobs, after the organization's Worker's Committee decided to ignore the order.

Peretz claimed that the vote came as a result of pressure from Friedman, charging that she acted as an employer responsi-

ble for running Na'amat, rather than a loyal Histadrut representative interested in the welfare of the workers.

As a result of the Na'amat decision, WIZO day care center workers showed up at their jobs as well. Friedman denies that she pressured Na'amat workers to open the doors to the day-care centers.

She admits that she had opposed including day care centers in the work sanctions, since "personally, I believe that such action actually hurts working parents, the same people who the strike is supposed to assist. There was an agreement that education would not be affected by the sanctions — areo't the day care centers part of the educational system?"

Friedman claims that from the outset, Peretz has fought to control Na'amat.

Why? "Because it's the only part of the Histadrut with a good reputation, that is truly representative of its public, that maintains its budget professionally

and correctly — it is an island of sanity in the system — Peretz would like to pull it down into the same swamp that the rest of the organization is stuck in ... My obligation is to manage Na'amat correctly," said Friedman.

She added, "We still live in an age where male politicians expect women, even women leaders, to be agreeable and accommodating and do what they are told. That isn't happening here."

The two have clashed over the failure of the Histadrut to fund Na'amat — Friedman claims the organization is owed millions of shekels, and as a result she was removed from the organization's Finance Committee.

Although he is a Labor MK, Peretz heads up the Ram faction of the Histadrut, which, together with the Labor Party, controls the Histadrut.

In the parliamentary vote on whether to remove Friedman, a Laborite, from the executive, most of the Labor Party members were not present to vote.

Friedman rejects the interpre-



Friedman: Male politicians expect women to be agreeable and accommodating and do what they are told. (Israel Sun)

US Orthodox unite against pluralism here

By MARILYN HENRY

The American Orthodox establishment, uniting against pluralism in Israel, has called on Jews to "shun unworthy political posturing" and castigated Jewish leaders for trying to "impose their own parochial wishes" on Israelis.

In a wide-ranging and unusual joint statement — released yesterday by Agudath Israel of America, the Orthodox Union, the National Council of Young Israel, and the Rabbinical Council of America — the Orthodox called for the preservation of "the longstanding religious 'status quo' in Israel."

Saying they were prompted by "deeply felt love" for fellow Jews and concern for the spiritual underpinnings of the Holy Land, the groups said, "We implore all Jews during this holy season of Jewish introspection to recognize the collective Jewish responsibility to shun unworthy political posturing, as well as political, economic, and social pressure, in favor of goodwill and respect for the Jewish tradition that defines us as a people."

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Reform movement, called the statement one of desperation that showed the Orthodox "are out of touch with Jewish realities here and in Israel."

"I wish they'd spend a little time looking at the vicious, vituperative statements issued virtually every day in Israel against Reform Judaism," he said.

"It's frightening. If we could

simply settle for a standard of mutual respect in our dialogue, that would be an enormous step forward."

The Orthodox, Yoffie said, are not attempting to preserve Jewish unity.

"This is about preserving the control of the coercive religious monopoly over the religious life in Israel," he said. "That monopoly is in the process of collapse."

The Orthodox statement said that the integrity of Jewish peoplehood requires uniformly acceptable Jewish standards for religious marriage, divorce, and conversion, they said.

Further, the statement said, in a bid to exclude the non-Orthodox from the municipal religious councils, it is "only reasonable" that council members subscribe to the religious precepts they oversee.

And, without making a direct reference to the recent altercations at the Western Wall, the Orthodox groups said, "As a matter of historical fact... the Western Wall has been a sacred place of traditional Jewish prayer and peace and tranquility for Jews since time immemorial."

Recent attacks on the religious status quo have created a climate of ill will and anger, the statement said, taking aim at unidentified opponents.

"For American Jewish leaders, who treasure their own independence of thought and action, to attempt to impose their own parochial wishes on an Israeli public that has expressed its stance clearly and democratically, is both divisive and wrong."

The American Orthodox establishment did not indicate what actions it plans to take in order to oppose any changes in the status quo.

Instead, the establishment concluded that "we wish to underscore our united resolve to preserve the essential unity of the Jewish people in the Jewish state through its continued adherence to universally acknowledged halachic norms and standards."

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Winning cards

The winning cards in the first daily Chance drawing yesterday were the 7 of spades, the king of hearts, the king of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

The winning cards in the second daily Chance drawing were the jack of spades, the 8 of hearts, the 8 of diamonds and the 9 of clubs.

Hammer to teachers: End boycott of trips

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer yesterday appealed to the Secondary School Teachers Association to call off its boycott of school trips, which has led to the cancellation of many trips and to secondary school pupils staying a one-day nationwide boycott of classes.

"I'm surprised at [union head] Ran Erez," Hammer told Israel Radio.

"He thinks that the Education Ministry can pass matters involving salaries all by itself. Our ministry and all the other ones cannot do this without the involvement of the Finance Ministry. It's not a matter of whether we have money to give them or not."

"We're talking about a salary increase, and regarding salaries, these things must be worked out with the Finance Ministry. I'm also surprised that he said that some kind of an agreement [with the teachers] ended in 1994, and he only remembered to strike about it now in 1997."

"I said that the fact that the teachers go out on these trips overnight and during the day justified a certain pay raise, and we want to help them with the Finance Ministry, but it's a process, it takes time, and new work agreements will soon have to be signed and this matter can be included," Hammer said.

"But I told them that what they're doing is unjustified... I appeal to Ran Erez again... Go with them on the trips. It'll only be to your credit when we get around to reaching financial arrangements."

"We know it may not be up to the Education Ministry, but frankly it really doesn't matter," association spokeswoman Rivka Kanarek said in response.

"If they want to help us, where was everybody when the dispute originally broke out in 1994, or when we declared a work dispute eight months ago? We wish it weren't so, but it's been proven that unless you take some action, nothing happens in this country, and we fear that if we do what the minister says and just go back to the way things were, we won't solve the problem for another three years."

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A tour for contractors will take place on October 9, 1997, leaving at 2 p.m. from the central gate of Jaffa Port, at the end of Rehov Yehuda Hayami.
Last date for submitting bids: November 3, 1997, at 12 noon.
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